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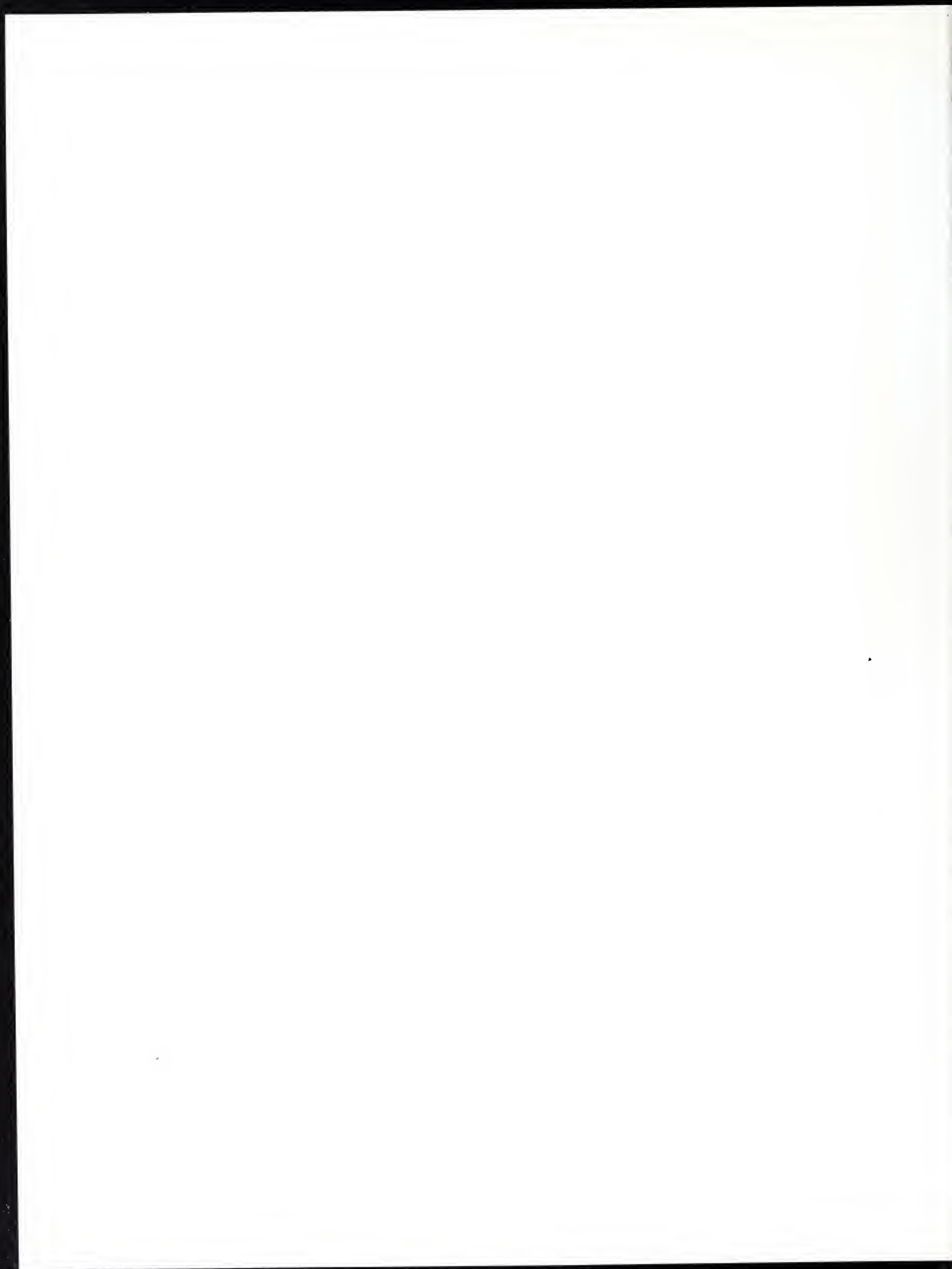
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every dream precedes the goal."



Inspiration

One little spark of Inspiration can bring to light an entire world of new ideas. We can encounter it at anytime, anywhere. Words of wisdom from great thinkers of the past,



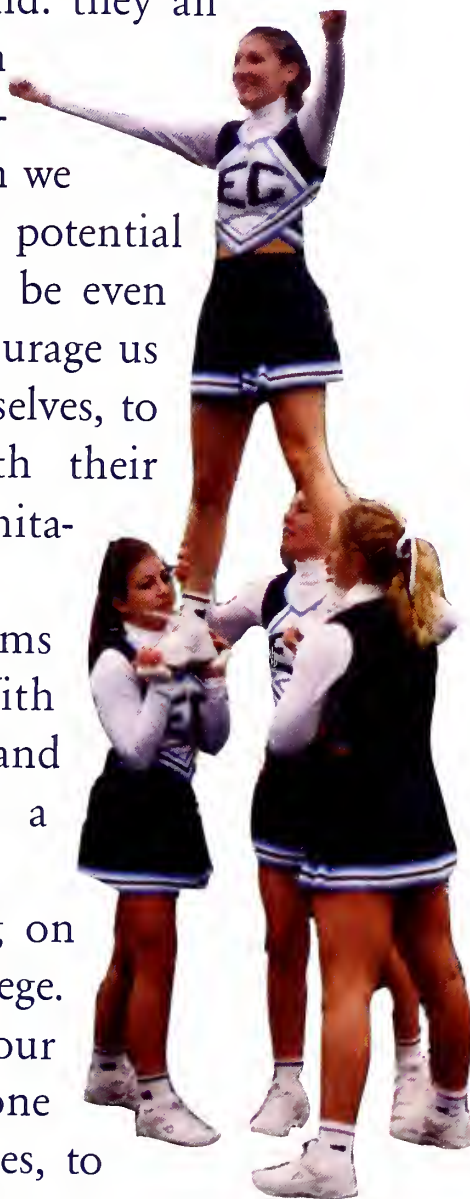
advice from a professor or mentor, encouragement from a coach, a kind word from a friend: they all

can set in motion our own imagination. Each person we encounter has the potential to motivate us to be even greater. They encourage us to go beyond ourselves, to

seek more than what we know. With their Inspiration we can exceed our own limitations.

One little spark of Inspiration forms the basis for each shining new idea. With each original, creative thought we expand our boundaries, opening for ourselves a world of endless possibilities.

We begin our journey by reflecting on moments of this year at Elmhurst College. Our past becomes the Inspiration for our future. At the heart of all our success is one little spark. Look here, inside these pages, to find and remember the Inspirations that brought you where you are today.

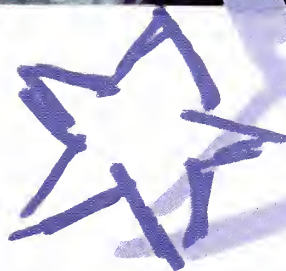




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or every dream precedes the goal."



Events



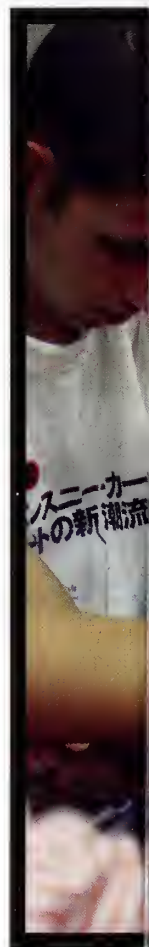
Orientation

Going away to college can create a swirl of emotions. However, Elmhurst College tries to ease that swirl with our Orientation program. The moment that a new student at Elmhurst College sets foot on campus in August they are unaware of the great experience that lays before them. Each student is greeted by a swarm of Orientation Student Leaders, Jay Crew members, Resident Advisors and members of the Orientation Planning team. The orientation events and activities such as the Western Night, Hawaiian Luau, and rotations about the college help to calm the new students' churning emotions.

The Orientation experience works to include all aspects of the new student's life. This begins with the opening Convocation in the Chapel where their family and friends are introduced to the college. The convocation begins the journey of the college student's life at Elmhurst College. From this convocation the new student stepped into a group Scavenger Hunt, exploring the realms of the College. As each day of Orientation unfolded, future scholars took another step along their journey.

The College life of barbeques and ice cream socials on the Patio and a dunk tank on the mall allowed new students to experience the EC smorgasbord of fun. Numerous other events were held through the week from a Block Party to a cruise on Lake Michigan. Throughout these presentations the new students journey progressed and lifetime friendships were built.

*Guest Writer -
Sarah Kiefer*





Makning new friends

Two new students participate in an icebreaker game with other members of their orientation group.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

~Chinese Proverb



The ever widening circle

New students enjoy a game in the Frick Center with their orientation groups.

Left:

OSL Mike Zickus facilitates a team building game.

Opposite Page:

Groups 7 and 8 march on to their next station.

Mary Lou Retton

"Seize the moment," exclaimed Mary Lou Retton, the 1984 Olympic gold medallist. A West Virginia native, this 14-year-old girl left home one day to follow a dream: to become an Olympic gymnast. Little did she know that she would break down barriers that were set by her doctors. Six weeks before her competition, Mary Lou had a disappointment of a lifetime: she could not straighten her leg. She had emergency surgery to reconstruct the torn cartilage within her knee. Doctors explained to her that her dreams for the 1984 Olympics were over and better luck next time. She did not listen.

"Nobody was going to tell me what I could and could not do," she told a large crowd at Hammerschmidt Chapel on September 29. She pushed herself to the limits trying to rehabilitate herself. If the doctors said twenty leg lifts, she did one hundred. She was swimming, biking, and even practicing the uneven bars until three weeks before the Olympics, when doctors gave her the okay to try the vault. She went right up to the vault and performed her routine, as if she never missed a day. She was ready for the Olympics.

As she walked up to the vault, she looked around with butterflies in her stomach. She had to tie or beat her competition with a 9.95. She knew she did not want to get just a 9.95. She had to get a 10. As she finished, the suspense was overwhelming, a 10. She had done it. She beat her competition and won the gold medal. As she spoke of her triumph, she added, you need to believe in yourself and your abilities. "Leave your comfort zone, don't be afraid" because you never know when your next opportunity will be. Finally she said, "Don't let anyone put limits on you." After receiving the gold medal, she became the first woman on a Wheaties Box.

*Guest Writer -
Eve Strejc*





Successful female athletes

The EC volleyball team gets autographs from Mary Lou Retton.

"Don't let anyone put limits on you."

~Mary Lou Retton



Signing Autographs

Megan Hillard and Katie Bequette get autographs from the famous gymnast.

Above:

A line forms as students and community members wait for a photo opportunity with Mary Lou Retton.

Homecoming

As always, alumni could be spotted on campus throughout the week, but current students demonstrated an amazing amount of school spirit during this year's homecoming celebration. The week started out with Spirit Shout, a new event, which involved student organizations coming out to show their E.C. spirit. On Tuesday students enjoyed Freaky Photos in the Roost, where they could take home photographs of themselves and their friends as celebrities. The Residence Hall Decorating Contest was held on Wednesday. Every hall participated, and each building was filled to capacity with E.C. enthusiasm. With thursday came Open Mic, where students showed off their talents, performing in the Roost. Numerous student organizations joined in to show their enthusiasm for E.C. on Friday at the car decorating contest, and the mall was surrounded with festively decorated automobiles, all tied in to this year's theme: "Catch the Spirit". Athletes, fraternity and sorority members, and a several other students filed into Faganell Hall on Friday evening, making for a rather large crowd at this year's pep rally. Students were entertained with a pie eating contest and tricycle race, in addition to performances by the Jazzy Jays, poms, and the cheer-leading squad. On Saturday, some students braved the cold to cheer on the football team at the homecoming game. It was an exciting game, and an Elmhurst win was doubtful until the fourth quarter, when the Bluejays proved to be victorious over North Park University. They finished the game with a score of 42-28, bringing a happy ending to this year's festivities.

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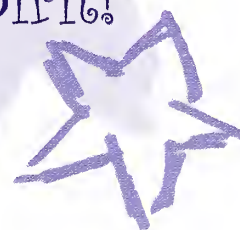




*Go
Elmhurst!*
Victor E. Bluejay
joins the crowd
in cheering for
the football team
during halftime.

"This year's
Homecoming was
amazing and full of
school spirit."
~Katelyn Doyle

*Catch the
Spirit!*



Time for a snack

Student organizations set up
concession stands during the
football game to raise money.

Left:

The cheerleaders prepare to per-
form during halftime.

Opposite page:

Members of the homecoming
court congratulate each other at
the pep rally.

Fall Lectures

Each fall, Elmhurst College holds two lectures which have become tradition over the years. The Rudolf G. Shade Lecture and the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture.

The 17th annual Rudolf G. Schade Lecture featured Daniel Tani, an astronaut for NASA. A flight engineer, Tani served aboard the Endeavour in 2001 and has visited the International Space Station. Tani's lecture discussed his history with NASA, which was complimented with videos taken while aboard the Endeavour. There was also a question and answer period, in which various topics, from Mars to meteorology, were addressed.

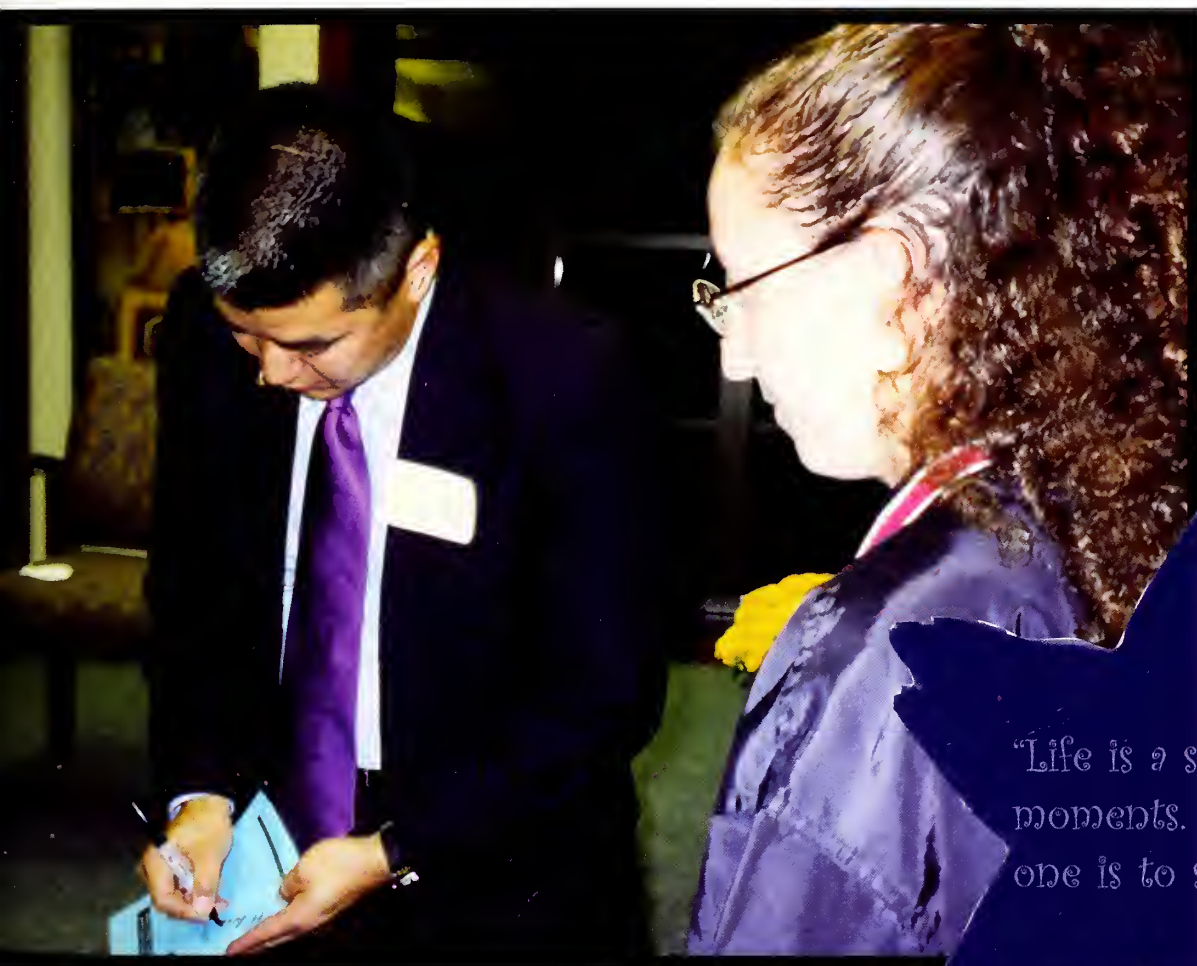
The Schade lecture was originally established in 1986 in honor of Dr. Schade, who worked for the College for a number of decades, serving as the chairman of the history department and, eventually, curator of the College archives. The lecture was introduced this year by Dr. Schade's son, Rudolf Schade, Jr., who is a member of the Board of Trustees. The event was also co-sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.



On November 3, 2002, the annual Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture took place in the Founder's Lounge. The speaker for this lecture was Sister Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Ph.D. Sister Jamie Phelps is an educator, theological consultant, lecturer, author, editor, and a re-founder of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. A primary interest of Sister Jamie Phelps is the church's mission of social transformation. She has lectured all across America, Canada, Brazil, Europe, and Africa at numerous different Catholic conferences. Sister Jamie Phelps is the editor of a book titled *Black and Catholic: the Gift of Black Folk - Black Contributions to Catholic Theology*.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was scheduled to speak at Elmhurst College in 1996, but passed away only 10 days before the lecture. Elmhurst College bestowed upon Cardinal Joseph Bernardin the Niebuhr Medal. This annual lecture was created one year later in 1997.

*Staff Writers - Jim Graziano
Michelle Lynch*



Down to earth
Astronaut Daniel Tani
signs an autograph
for sophomore Abbie
Chillemi.

"Life is a succession of
moments. To live each
one is to succeed."

~Corita Kent



Left:

Daniel Tani describes some of his
experiences as an astronaut.

Below:

Members of the Catholic Student Association greet Jamie Phelps
after the lecture

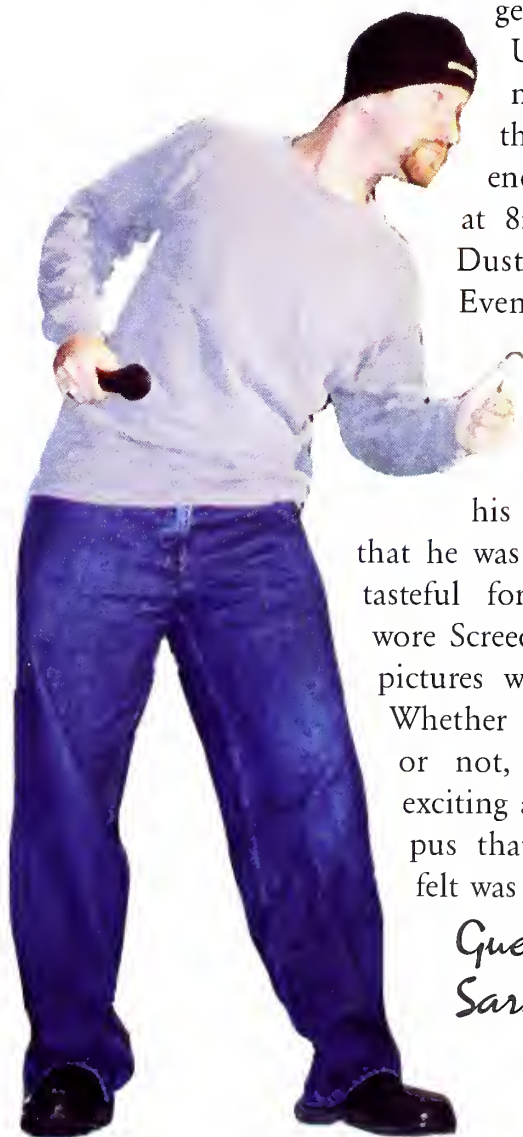


Screech comes to EC

On November 8th, 2002, the Union Board sponsored the biggest Club EC that Elmhurst College had seen in quite some time. Dustin Diamond, better known as Screech from *Saved By The Bell*, performed a comedy act in the Founder's Lounge. The Union Board used many different PR tools such as playing the theme song on broadcasts and putting up posters of Dustin Diamond's portrait half covered up. Union Board really wanted to draw in a large crowd, because it is rare that they get an act that the student body knows so well. The Union Board acted as personal assistants to Dustin Diamond and his agent, as well as served as bodyguards. Students started lining up for front row seats around 5pm. Union Board set up barriers so that no one could get seats until 7pm. After the mad rush of students taking their seats, Union Board had to start bringing up chairs from the café to accommodate all the students who attended the event. They actually jammed the elevator putting so many chairs in at one time. Many students ended up sitting in the aisles and on the floor. The last count was taken at 8:30 and there were over 500 students in the Lounge laughing at Dustin's bold jokes.

Even though Dustin Diamond was a legend from our past, some students didn't like his act. They thought that he was too crude, and distasteful for Screech. Others wore Screech t-shirts, and took pictures with him afterwards. Whether students liked him or not, it was something exciting and new to the campus that the Union Board felt was very successful.

*Guest Writer -
Sara Lane*





*Loyal
Screech Fans*
Dustin Diamond
autographs a
photo for junior
Greg Briney.

"It was a blast! Screech
was hilarious! It was great
to meet one of the Saved
by the Bell stars."
~Alison Wetstein



Far Left:

A record number of students
filled the Founder's Lounge for
the Club EC performance.

Left:

Dustin Diamond poses while the
audience reacts to his jokes.

It is the Season

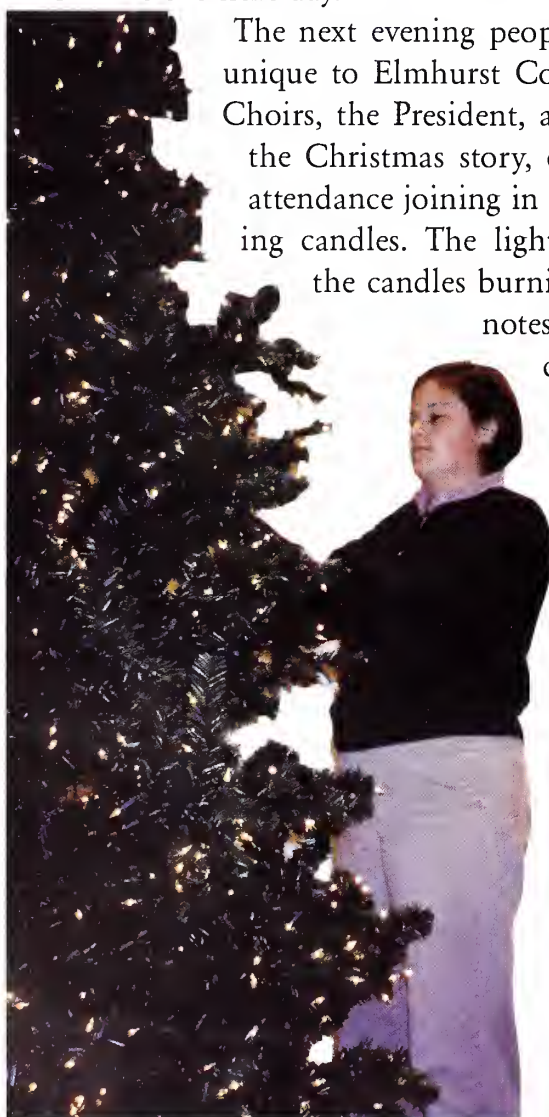
Picture this: The chapel with the scent of pine and hot apple cider. As you look around you begin to see that the chapel has been decorated to the nines. There are poinsettias lining the stairs, pine trees with lights to the sides, and in the windows, pine branches with a single candle. The season begins to come alive as you enter that night for the annual Lessons and Carols ceremony.

This was not just a hypothetical situation, though. This really did happen. The chapel was brought to life this December with the help of the Spiritual Life Council. In what has become the annual event Hanging of the Greens, people gathered for a night full of Christmas carols, hot cider, decorating, and Christmas cheer. When they left for the evening, the chapel was ready for the intimate Christmas program to come the next day.

The next evening people gathered to take part in the annual Lessons and Carols, a service unique to Elmhurst College. With the help of the Chaplain's office, the Elmhurst College Choirs, the President, and Elmhurst students, the evening was a wonderful combination of the Christmas story, carols and reflection. The evening came to a close with everyone in attendance joining in Silent Night and lighting candles. The lights faded, leaving only the candles burning brightly as the last notes of Silent Night rang clear. People began to clear the Chapel, taking with them the image of candles and the message of Christmas.

These two annual events have become favorites for many students, faculty, staff, parents and community members who all look forward to each December and make each one a success. Lessons and Carols makes the holiday season come alive for all who attend.

Guest Writer - Courtney Stevens





Share the light
Michelle Laughlin and Amber West light their candles at the end of the service.

"The music, reading of the Christmas Story, candles, and holiday decorations that make Lessons and Carols such a wonderful event put me in the Christmas spirit each December."
~Linsey Young



Spirit of the season

Sara Lane arranges pointsettias on the stairs in the chapel in preparation for the Lessons and Carols celebration.

Far Left:

The choir fills the chapel with holiday songs.

Opposite page:

Lindsay Young shapes the trees that decorate the chapel during the hanging of the greens.

Founders Day

On February 11, 2003 the college community gathered for the annual Founders Day convocation in the chapel. Dr. Walter Burdick spoke

The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of the Founders Day Award recipients. Given annually, this award recognizes upper-class students who show evidence of self-initiated service to the campus and the community, which has effected change and embodies human values. Honorees must also exhibit high academic achievement.

This year, honors were given to Kelly Stone and Megan Seuss.

For fall semester this year, Stone studied at Chicago Theological Seminary in an exchange program facilitated by Elmhurst College. At Elmhurst, she is a member of the Spiritual Life Council, and a resident adviser. Last summer she traveled to Durban, South Africa to participate in Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy Carter Work Project. Here she joined five others from Elmhurst, including President Cureton. As Kelly reflects on her years spent at E.C. and prepares to move forward, she comments that "...Elmhurst will not be forgotten. It has been, and will continue to be, a distinct part of my spiritual journey now and forever."

Megan Seuss has had numerous internship experiences including working with Chicago's Field Museum, Gateway Convention Center in Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Elmhurst College Office of Advancement. She also serves as the vice president of program development of Alpha Phi sorority and

president of the Elmhurst College Women's Chorus where she arranged their first-ever tour.

Megan plans to work in the not-for-profit sector after graduation. She changed her major due to her feelings about service, and "initially wanted to work in special event coordinating, but I didn't feel that was giving back to society. It wasn't fulfilling enough."





Left:
President Cureton
and Rev. H. Scott
Matheney pose for
a photo with the
Founders Day
Award nominees

Founders Day Award Nominees

Stephanie Callahan
Cherie Getchell
Rudy Gruenke IV
Cathleen Kimble
Sara Lane
Jim Maxwell
Tim O'Toole
Erica Ortiz
Toni Zurales



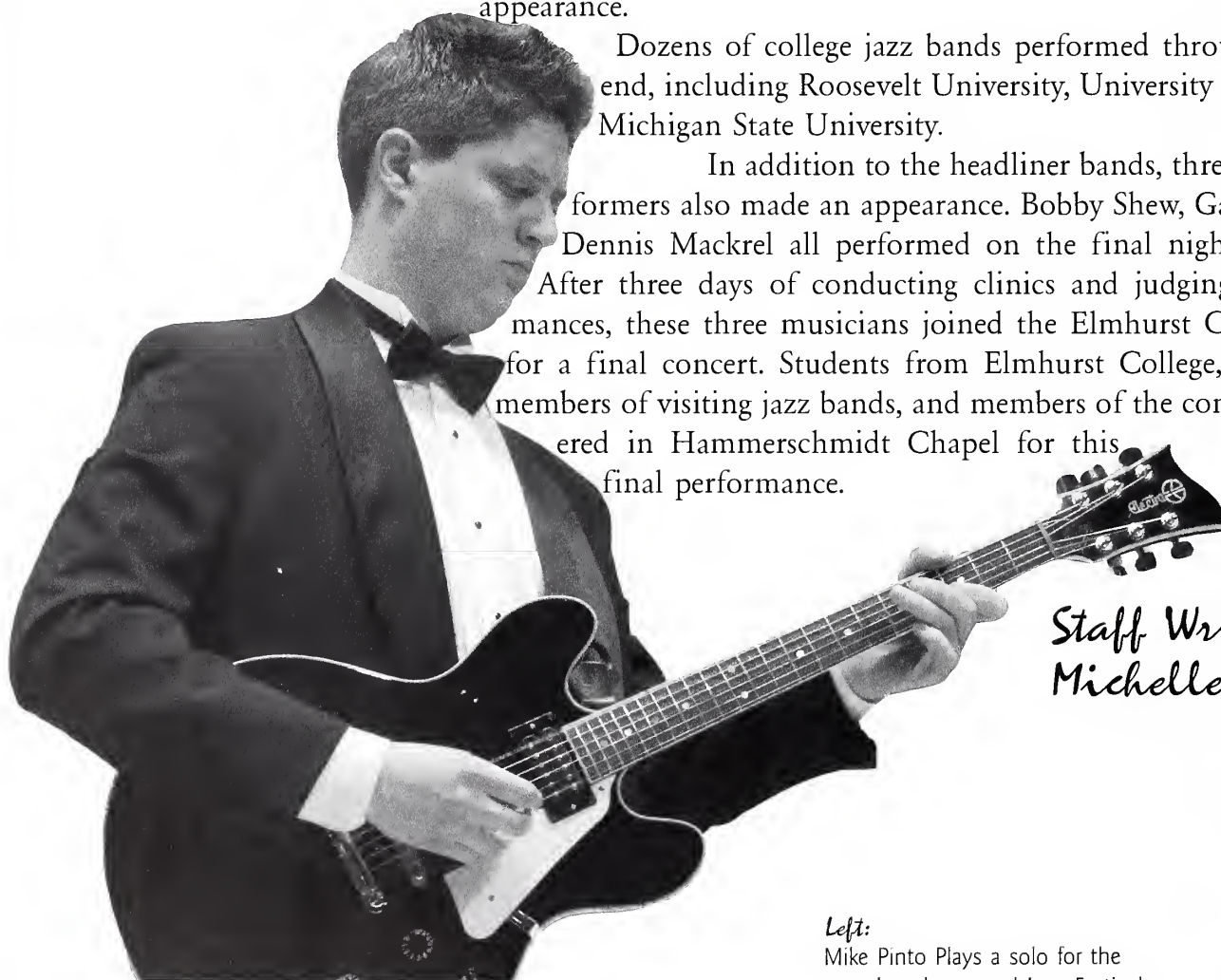
Left:
Megan Seuss receives her
award from president
Cureton.

Jazz Festival

Carrying on the strong tradition of the Jazz Festival, Elmhurst College welcomed some of the biggest names in jazz today. The headliner performers included The Count Basie Orchestra and Bob Mintzer Big Band. The Count Basie Orchestra is one of few full-time touring jazz orchestras touring today. It is composed of 19 jazz musicians creating outstanding jazz music for their audience each time they perform. The Orchestra's honors include 17 Grammy Awards and two Grammy Hall of Fame Awards. The Bob Mintzer Big Band has also received a Grammy Award in 2002 for the Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album. The Elmhurst College Jazz Festival was this band's first Chicagoland appearance.

Dozens of college jazz bands performed throughout the weekend, including Roosevelt University, University of Kentucky, and Michigan State University.

In addition to the headliner bands, three other guest performers also made an appearance. Bobby Shew, Gary Smulyan, and Dennis Mackrel all performed on the final night of the festival. After three days of conducting clinics and judging student performances, these three musicians joined the Elmhurst College Jazz Band for a final concert. Students from Elmhurst College, faculty, parents, members of visiting jazz bands, and members of the community all gathered in Hammerschmidt Chapel for this final performance.



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Michelle Lynch*

Left:

Mike Pinto Plays a solo for the crowd at the annual Jazz Festival.



"Jazz Festival is a rare event that provides student performers with the opportunity to play for some of the best musicians in jazz, and then receive constructive comments from those professionals."

~Doug Beach

Above:

The Elmhurst College Jazz Band director, Doug Beach, introduces the band to a packed chapel audience.

Left:

The Elmhurst Jazz Band saxophone section keeps an eye on the director at the Jazz Festival.



Ben Folds

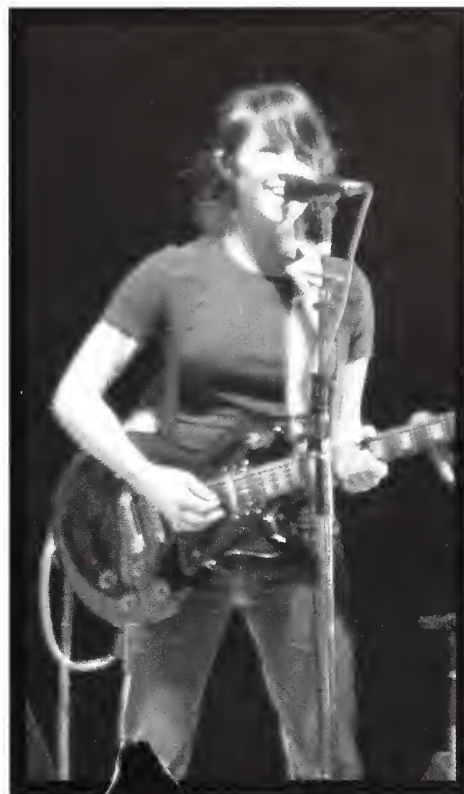
This spring, Elmhurst College welcomed famous musician Ben Folds to campus. The concert, co-sponsored by The Student Government Association and Union Board, was open to both students and to the general public. An enormous amount of planning and organization began to take place months before the actual event, a responsibility that was shared among the two organizations.

Hours before the sold-out concert, Ben Folds fans began lining up around the mall, all hoping to be among the first to enter and find the best seats. Once concertgoers passed through security, having any bags inspected, they entered into a rather unusual scene. It was quite a sight to see the Chapel, normally a location for ceremonies and formal gatherings, filled with rigging for spotlights and speakers.

After an opening performance by Tegan and Sara, Ben Folds appeared on stage. He entertained his fans at Elmhurst all evening with plenty of their favorite old songs in addition to some new music. He even involved the audience, encouraging them to sing at points during the concert. The Chapel provided a relatively small, intimate venue for a concert, which many students particularly enjoyed.

The sold-out show made for a huge turnout at this SGA/UB event, and brought some excitement to campus as it is not often that such a well-known musician holds a concert on our quiet campus.

*Staff Writer
- Amy Goodwin*



"Being in such a small setting for the concert really added to the experience. Even from the back row of the balcony, the show was wonderful."

~Karin Mather



Above left:

Ben Folds entertains a Chapel full of fans.

Above:

Tegan and Sara provided the opening entertainment.

Left:

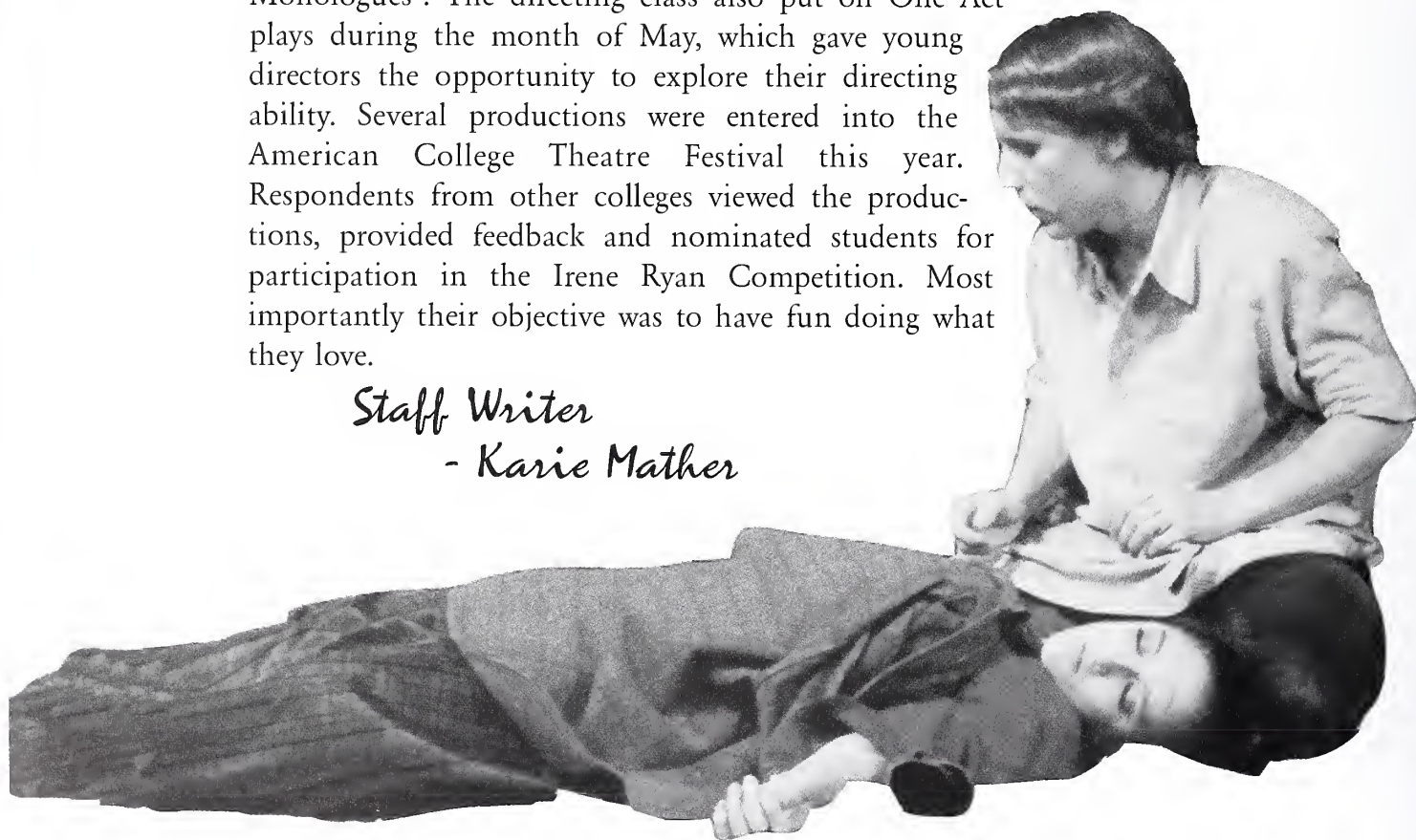
The Garcia Security Guard directs the fans waiting for the concert.



Mill Theatre

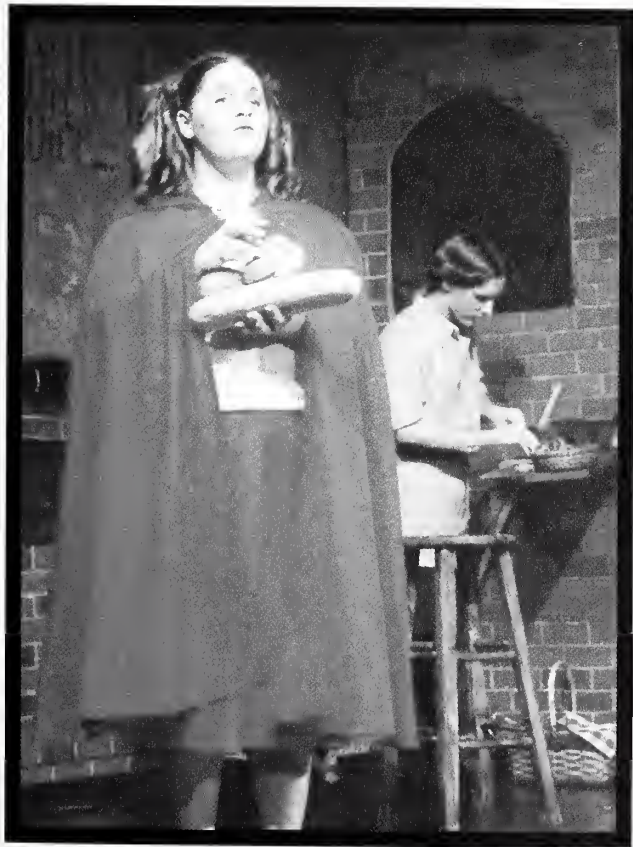
This year the Mill Theatre focused on several things. Their goal was to expand the program and to challenge the students in new artistic ways by providing various types of shows to get involved in. Lysistrata was a show that explored social justice and morality in today's world. A collaborative effort, Pirates of Penzance, the spring musical, incorporated several different aspects of the school. As Pirates is an incredibly large vocal performance, Chamber Singers served as the chorus, and worked with the actors and actresses on a regular basis, as did the pit orchestra. The Mill tried to gain community support by presenting theater as an entertaining base while challenging the audience to think. In addition, they put on shows such as Cinderella and A Christmas Carol, which were geared towards children. As in years past, there were several student directed shows this year as well. Jeremiah Barr directed "The Bald Soprano", Nicole Ruscheinski directed "Veronica's Room" and Amee Coffelt directed "The Vagina Monologues". The directing class also put on One Act plays during the month of May, which gave young directors the opportunity to explore their directing ability. Several productions were entered into the American College Theatre Festival this year. Respondents from other colleges viewed the productions, provided feedback and nominated students for participation in the Irene Ryan Competition. Most importantly their objective was to have fun doing what they love.

Staff Writer
- Karie Mather



Into the Woods

The baker, Corey Marr, mourns the death of Jack's mother, played by Lisa Furst.



"Elmhurst College theater productions were plentiful. Students took on roles, on stage and off, including designing, teching, and directing."

~ Janice Pohl

Top left:

Samantha Hahn sews together fabric to be put on the stage for Veronica's Room.

Top right:

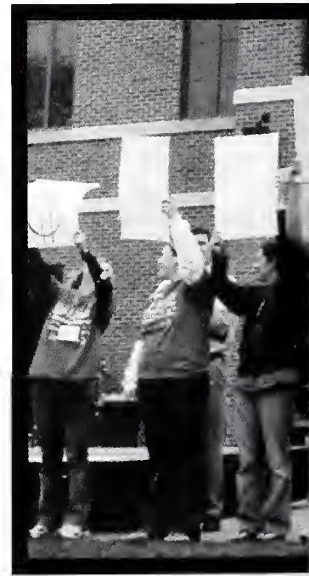
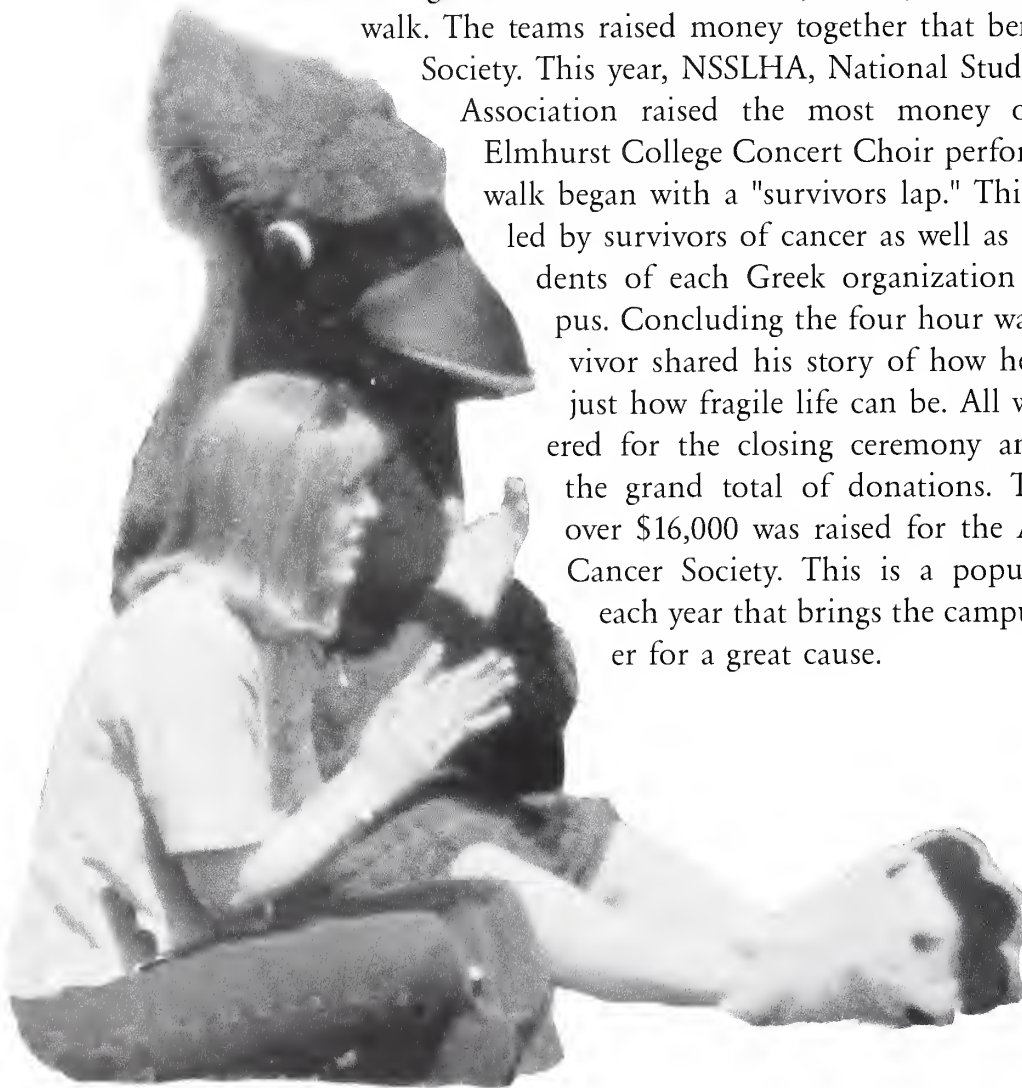
Peter Purin and Nicole Ruscheinski embrace during Into the Woods.

Left:

Little Red Riding Hood, Courtney Stevens, visits the baker on her way to grandmother's house.

Walk for Hope

On April 29, 2003 students, faculty, administrators, community members, family and friends all joined together for the eighth annual Walk For Hope in Memory of Claire Bartels. Footprints lined the mall of names of survivors and victims of cancer. Also, cancer facts were placed around the mall to emphasize how widespread cancer is. Prior to the walk, student organizations and similar majors all joined together to form teams for the walk. The teams raised money together that benefited the American Cancer Society. This year, NSSLHA, National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association raised the most money of all the teams. After the Elmhurst College Concert Choir performed, the walk began with a "survivors lap." This lap was led by survivors of cancer as well as the presidents of each Greek organization on campus. Concluding the four hour walk, a survivor shared his story of how he realized just how fragile life can be. All who gathered for the closing ceremony anticipated the grand total of donations. This year, over \$16,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. This is a popular event each year that brings the campus together for a great cause.



Staff Writer - Michelle Lynch



"And the grand total is
\$16,350.12!!"

~Lisa Kurth



Above:

Survivors are joined by EC
Greek Presidents for the
first lap.

Far Left:

Students listen for the
grand total of donations.

Left: One survivor shares
her story of cancer.



Evening of Honors

The Elmhurst College community gathered this May to recognize the achievements of students and faculty in an evening of honors. The events consisted of an Academic Honors Convocation held in the Chapel followed by the Student Leadership Awards Recognition held in the Frick Center.

Among the highlights of the convocation was the announcement of the 2003 recipients of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching: Mr. Douglas Beach and Dr. Walter Burdick. Also recognized were the various departmental award winners and the graduating seniors from the honors program.

Following the convocation, students and their families filled the cafeteria in the Frick Center for the Student Leadership Awards Recognition. Throughout the program, various

student leaders and their organizations were awarded for their numerous accomplishments both in and beyond the classroom. The Student Government Association awarded the Union Board, its adviser, Cari Klein, and its president, Sara Lane as Organization, Adviser, and President of the Year. Omicron Delta Kappa president Jim Graziano also shared the award for President of the Year. During the Greek Awards, Kristin Panzarella and John Born were named Greek Woman and Man of the Year.

As always, the highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Senior of the Year. This year's recipient: Kelly VanGuilder.

Staff Writer - Amy Goodwin



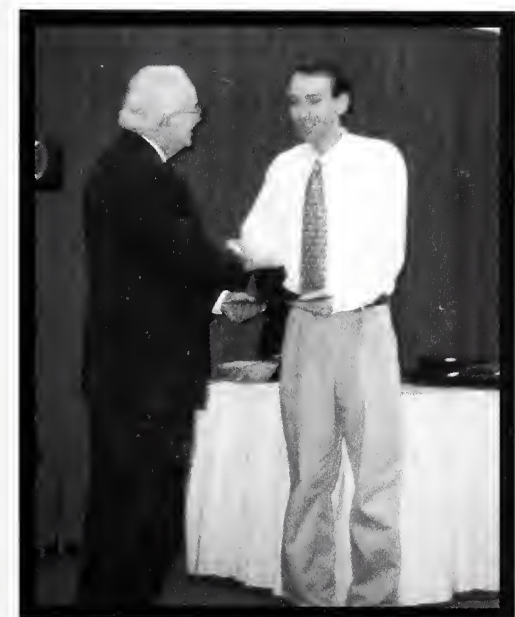
Left: Senior Kelly VanGuilder proudly displays her Senior of the Year award.



Left: President's Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient, Prof. Doug Beach, talks with the students that nominated him after the convocation.



Left: John Born accepts his award for Greek Man of the Year from President Cureton.



Left: Senior Jim Graziano proudly accepts his award from President Cureton.

Senior of the Year Nominees

Adam Ackerman

Anthony Berg

John Born

Katherine Enright

Tamara Frank

Cherie Getchell

Amy Goodwin

James Graziano

Rudy Gruenke

Samantha Hahn

Lindsay Jacobson

Sara Lape

Amanda Lazzara

Nicole Montmarquette

Erica Ortiz

Kristin Panzarella

Kevin Polsley

Liliana Ponce

Katie Reinecke

Adrien Ricci

Andrew Selch

Kary Sommers

Kelly Stone

Megan Suess

Kelly VanGuilder

Jennifer Weller

Toni Zurales



Commencement

If the skies above Elmhurst on June 1 were any indication, the class of 2003 has a bright future to look forward to.

The graduates assembled in the Chapel prior to the ceremony, and although many had found quite a challenge in getting their gowns and hoods on properly, they were all prepared for commencement and decorated with the various colors and symbols representing their field of study and their many honors.

After a few moments of quiet reflection in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel during the Baccalaureate service, the graduates filed out on to a mall filled with family and friends who came to share in this special celebration.

Author Lois Lowry gave the commencement address, entitled "Looking Forward." She shared some advice with the graduates who listened, wearing their mortarboards, that her mother had always given her. She reminded them to stand up straight, to speak clearly, and to "wear

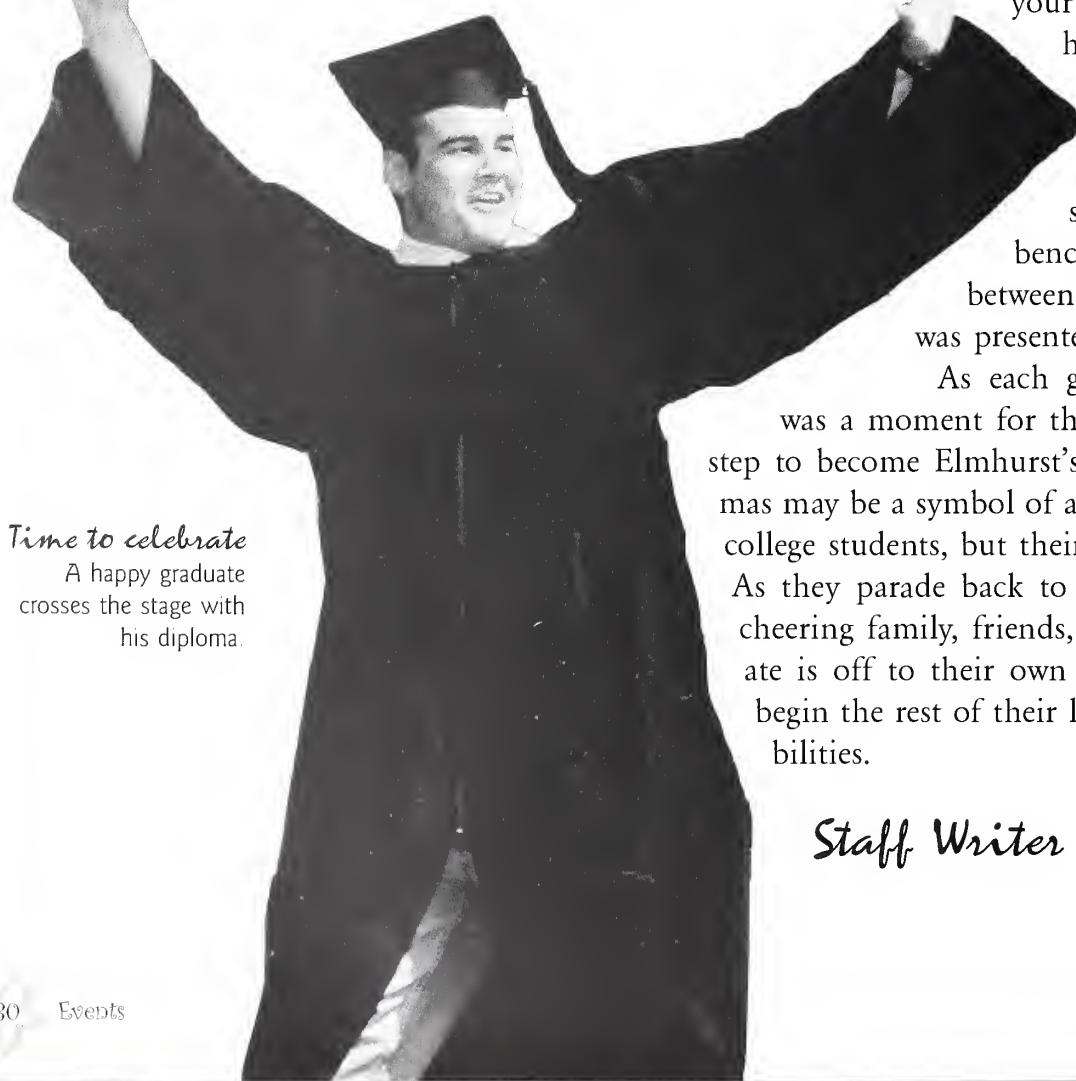
your hat." She was awarded an honorary degree along with interfaith leader Reverend Stanley Davis Jr, and astronaut Daniel Tani. The senior class gift, a circular tree bench to be placed on the lawn between Dinkmeyer and Schick halls, was presented by Kelly Van Guilder.

As each graduate crossed the stage, it was a moment for them to enjoy, taking the final step to become Elmhurst's newest alumni. Their diplomas may be a symbol of all their many achievements as college students, but their success has only just begun. As they parade back to the chapel through a sea of cheering family, friends, and faculty, each new graduate is off to their own celebrations. Tomorrow they begin the rest of their lives, filled with endless possibilities.

Staff Writer - Amy Goodwin

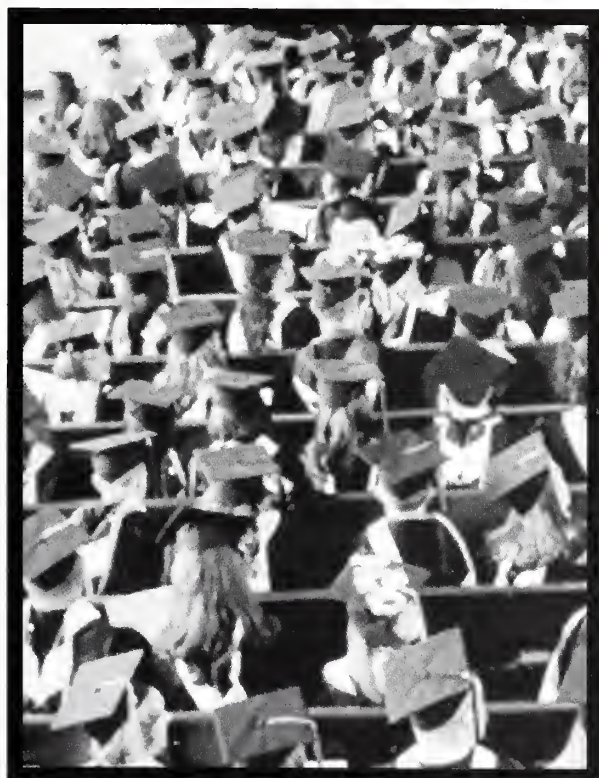
Time to celebrate

A happy graduate crosses the stage with his diploma.



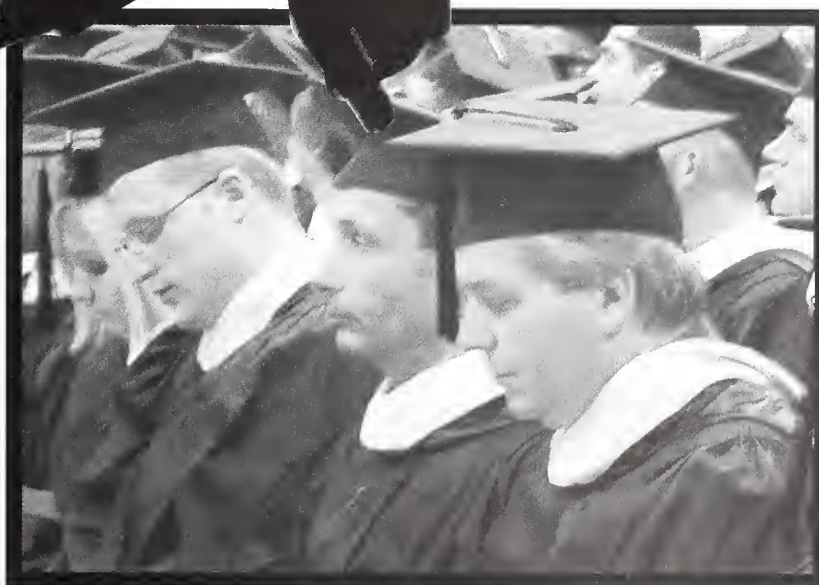


Left:
Frank Mittermeyer, Dan
Tani, Tom Tyrell, and
President Bryant
Cureton look out onto
the mall filled with
graduates.



Above:
The graduates assemble in the Chapel for the
Baccalaureate service.

Right:
Graduates at mid-year commencement listen to
President Cureton speak.

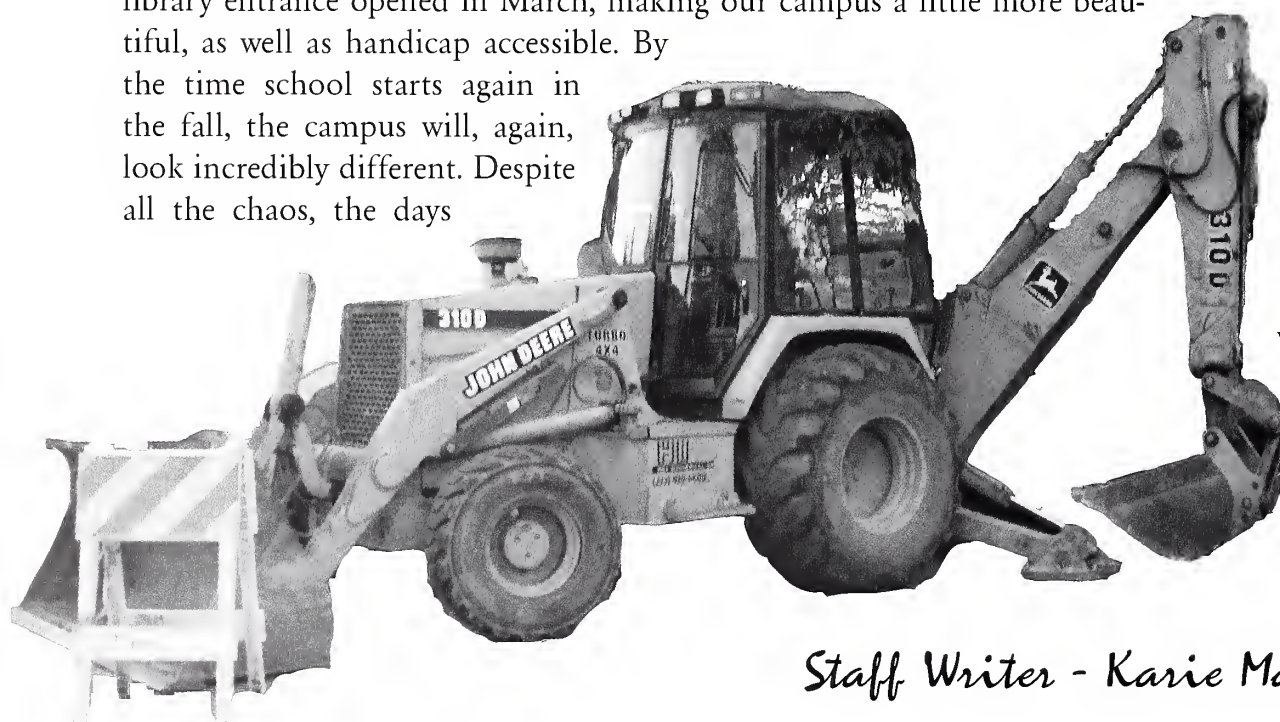


"Wear your hat."
~Lois Lowry

Under Construction

Day in and day out, from the moment after commencement in 2002 through the end of the school year, the college campus was buzzing with construction noise. Between tearing up the parking lot for the new quad, or "Alumni Circle", as it is to be called, the renovation of the Buehler Library entrance, and breaking ground on the new academic building, there was never a dull moment. Over the '02 summer, sprinkler systems were put in Dinkmeyer Hall and Niebuhr Hall for fire safety purposes, and were ready to house students again by the time of Freshmen Orientation. Langhorst Stadium looked completely different when school started in the Fall. The field itself was now artificial turf, the victory bell had been relocated, new fencing was in place and the Bluejays' had a new scoreboard. The cafeteria also looked a little different when school started. The dining area was a little smaller and the serving area had grown to accommodate for Blimpe's Subs and Krispy Kreme doughnuts. In order to replace the lost parking spots between the Library and North Hall, the Center for Professional Excellence moved to the basement of North Hall and the houses they used to be in were torn down to connect the two existing Alexander Street parking lots. When October rolled around, a long process began. We broke ground on the Academic Building, which is to be completed in the Fall of 2004. When this building opens, it will house the Education department, the CPE, the Communication Arts & Sciences department, the Speech Pathology Clinic and a dozen or so classrooms. As the year progressed, so did the work on the "Alumni Circle", the academic building, and the library entrance. The new library entrance opened in March, making our campus a little more beautiful, as well as handicap accessible. By the time school starts again in the fall, the campus will, again, look incredibly different. Despite all the chaos, the days

just wouldn't seem the same without the gentle (or not so gentle) hum of construction noise.



Staff Writer - Karie Mather



Left: A worker lays the brick paving around the new Alumni Circle.

Above: Students walk on a gravel path thru the construction zone in front of the Library.

"The road to success is
always under construction."
~Arnold Palmer



Left:
The frame of the new academic building begins to take shape.

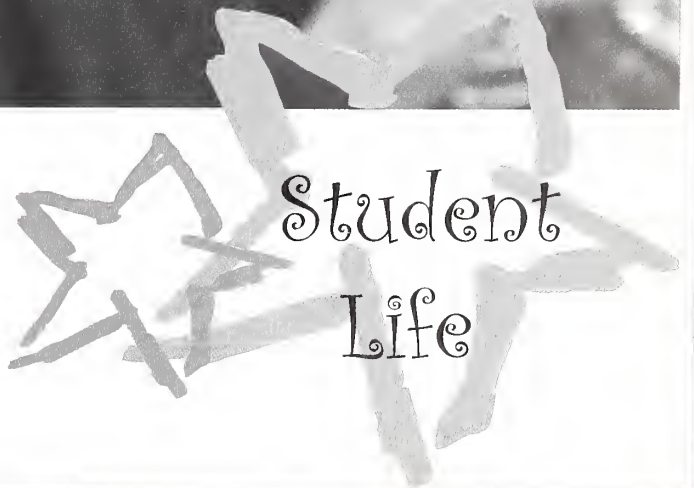
Above:
A large hole is dug in a place where students once parked their cars.



"It is not a successful climb unless yo



enjoy the journey."
~Dan Benson



Student
Life

Right: The executive board of SGA listens intently while a member of SGA voices their opinion.

Below: Members of SGA blow up balloons in preparation for an event they will host.





*We are helping to
build the next
generation of
great leaders.*

Our organization is inspired by the ability to make life and Elmhurst College more student centered. We serve as representatives and the collective voice of the entire student body. We view ourselves as the tireless advocates of the students, who strive to listen carefully, deliberate thoughtfully, and act accordingly in the best interests of all students at Elmhurst College. As the governing body of the student run organizations and as the voice of every student, we try our best to hear what students like and dislike. As such, we take great pride in the fact that we, as representatives, can help in any way possible. This inspiration comes from both a love for this school and the knowledge that we can all make a difference.



Above: Eliza Leatherberry, Scott Tharp, Lindsey Young, and Chris Novotny from Spiritual Life Council attend a SGA meeting to request assistance in planning an event.

Left: SGA President Rudy Gruenke is joined by Dale Cozek and Rev. H. Scott Matheny at the annual Spring Fling on the mall.



Front row: Kathy MacKay, Peggy Killian, Barbara Wittersheim, Jeff Hinko, Erica Doolittle-Meyer, Dave Schmitz, Melanie Fritz, Elliot Espanza, Ivan Markov, Dr. Michael Lindberg *Back row:* Rudy Gruenke IV, Sandra Seitman, Stephanie Pike, Rob Mcalister, Jim Maxwell

Student Government Association

Annual Events:

- ☆ Leadership Conference
- ☆ Dr. Andrew K. Prinz Guestship for Political Awareness
- ☆ Unsung Heroes Award



*I seek the best in everyone.
 I touch the future.
 I lead by example.
 I guide young minds.
 I inspire success.
 I make a difference.
 I TEACH.*

Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society, is dedicated to scholarship and excellence in the field of education. KDP members make up the top ten percent of those individuals entering this field; there are approximately 60,000 members in over 550 university, college, and alumni chapters in the United States. KDP offers aspiring teachers the unique opportunity to belong to this international network of top educators and participate in a variety of community service activities to spread a love of learning to children in the surrounding areas. The motto of KDP ("Knowledge-Duty-Power") is enthusiastically upheld and demonstrated by EC members.

Kappa Delta Pi

Annual Events:

Book fair ☆
 Toys for Tots ☆
 National Day of Service ☆
 Reading is Fun Week ☆
 Partners for Success ☆



Above: ODK Marshall Lynn Herrmann checks to be sure the graduates are in the correct order prior to the Baccalaureate ceremony in the Chapel.



Front row: Connie Flores, co-vice president; Courtney Reed, co-president; Emily Froeschner, co-vice president
Back Row: Melissa Smith, treasurer; Kristin Panzarella, co-secretary; Becky Moore, co-secretary; Kristine Goebbert, co-president; Gina Santucci, historian;
Not pictured: Judy Fiene, advisor



Left: NASA astronaut Dan Tani describes his experience in space to ODK member Amy Goodwin after the Schade Lecture.



Left: ODK President Jim Graziano performs the tradition of tapping new members into the society.



Front row: Kristen Butler, Amy Goodwin, Liz Ratike, Melissa Miller, Michelle King, Courtney Schirmer, Lynn Hermann, Phaedra Wells, Nancy Kaszak, Jim Graziano

Middle row: Michelle Lynch, Maria Oliva, Stephanie Pike, Sarah Kiefer, Amanda Lazara, Sandra Seitman, Peggy Killian, Stephanie Callahan, Jessica Gardiner, Russell Weinberg-Kinsey, Jim Maxwell

Back row: T.J. Imam, Jennifer Knautz, Sue Moninger, Breanne Briskey, Kristin Panzarella, Jennifer Weller, Matt Ticknor, Megan Seuss, Andrew Selck, Darlene Florence, Brianne Gidcumb, Ruxi Hahn, Adrien Ricci

We recognize those who exhibit superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character, and encourage others to strive for similar attainment.

The National Leadership Honor Society of Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes students, faculty, staff, and alumni who exhibit exceptional leadership and service as members of the college community. ODK members are well rounded individuals who demonstrate achievement in all phases of college life including scholarship, athletics, campus/community service, journalism, and creative/performing arts. Membership in ODK is a well recognized mark of the highest distinction and honor. The Elmhurst College circle is one of only seven chapters in the nation to be honored as a Superior Circle.

Omicron Delta Kappa

Annual Events:

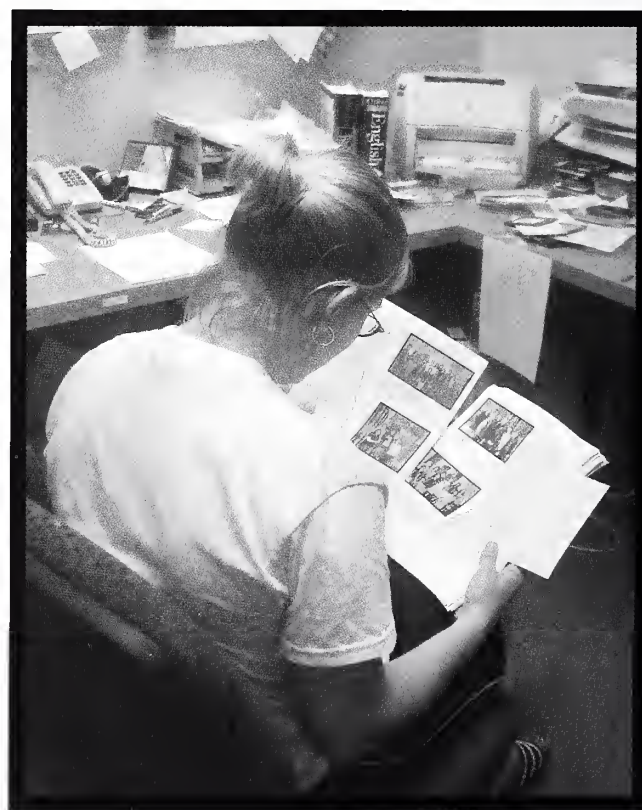
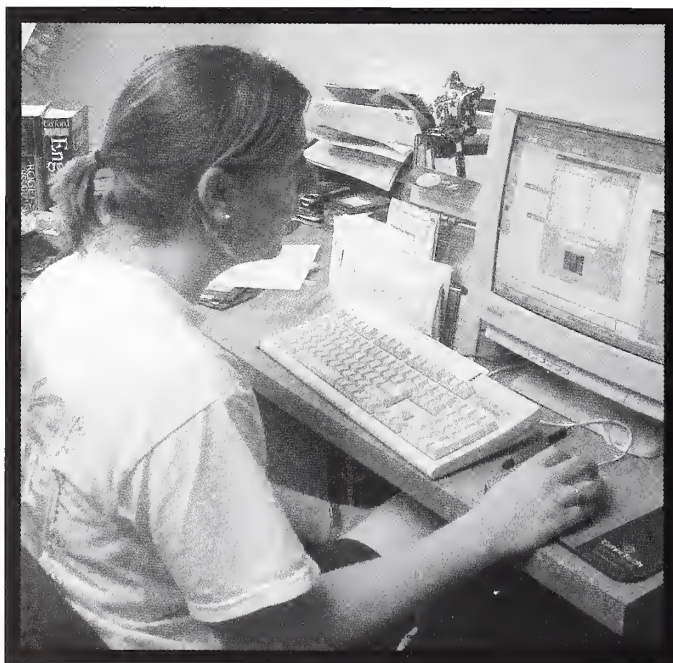
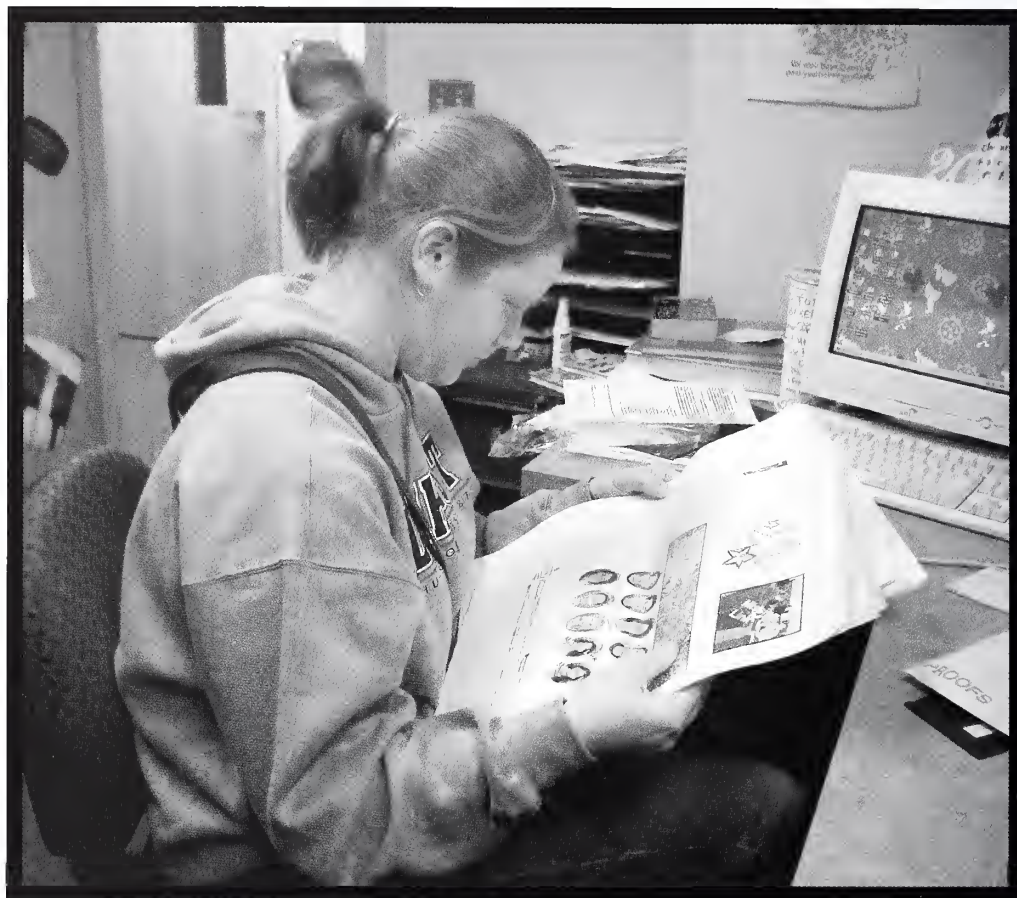
- ★ Rudolf G. Schade Lecture
- ★ ODK Provincial Conference
- ★ Commencement Marshalls

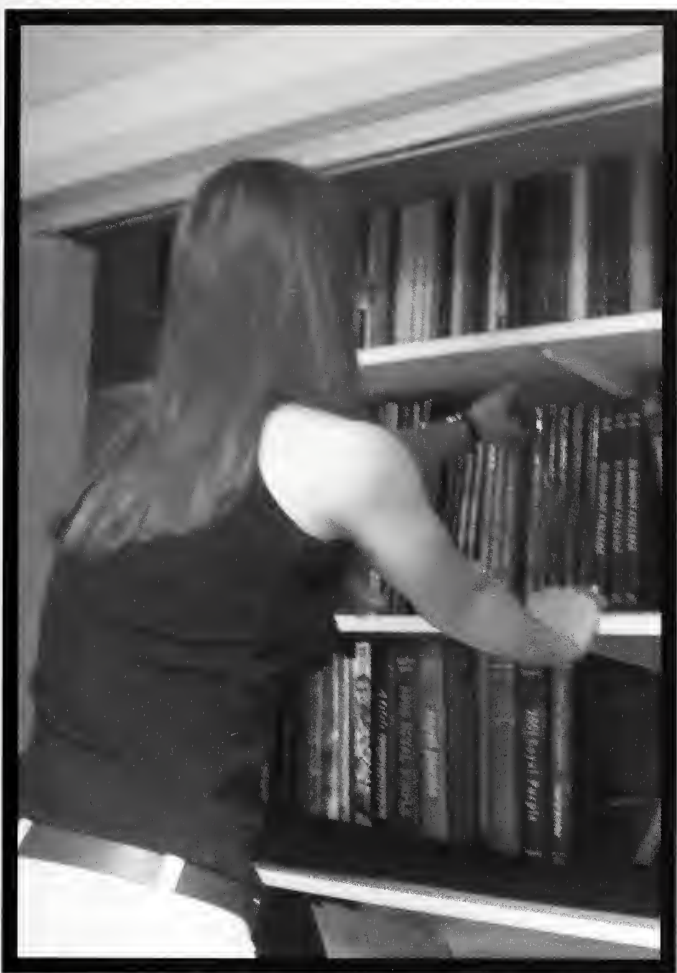


Right: Staff member Jamie
Quanty looks over proofs
in the yearbook office.

Below: Co-Editor Michelle
Lynch looks over pages
before sending them in for
the final deadline.

Below right: Staff member
Kari Mather proofs her
pages for typos.





Above: Co-Editor Amy Goodwin organizes the Elms archives.

*Capturing
moments of the
past and present
for the future.*

Recording the events and memories of the year is the yearbook goal. The yearbook staff hopes to capture moments of the year and preserve them in one book for the students to enjoy for years to come. The Elms works with many professionals and other student organizations to achieve the best yearbook possible. Under the leadership of Co-Editors-In-Chief Amy Goodwin and Michelle Lynch, the Elms continues to be a successful student organization at Elmhurst College. We are making history this year, with the help of SGA. The Elms is fortunate enough to be able to give 1000 yearbooks to Elmhurst students.

Each year, despite long nights, tight deadlines and the occasional printer or technology difficulties, the Elms produces a yearbook for all the students. Once again, the Elms is successful in capturing moments of the past and present for the future.

Elms

Annual Events:

- ☆ Annual publication of yearbook



Elms Staff: Josh Bennett, Athletics Section Editor; Julia Kim, Student Life Section Editor; Amy Goodwin, Editor-In-Chief; Michelle Lynch, Editor-in-Chief; Karie Mather, People Section and Photography Editor; Dr. Ron Wiginton, Adviser. **Not Pictured:** Jim Graziano, Financial Director; Darlene Florence, Photography Staff; Jamie Quanty, Staff Member.

*Chemistry helps
students give
back to the
community.*

The American Chemical Society exists at Elmhurst College to provide a forum for those interested in chemistry to interact with colleagues and develop professional skills in the scientific world.

For the former purpose, that of allowing chemistry students to interact with one another, ACS helps members use their chemistry knowledge to give back to the community. This desire was manifested in the ACS Chemistry Demonstration Show that was put on for the college and local community in the spring. The all-ages show provided a way for ACS members to use their knowledge in an entertaining way. The ACS also promotes the development of professional skills. In this light, the ACS held their first sponsored trip to the ACS nation conference in New Orleans. There, members were able to meet and speak with distinguished chemist and attend lectures of the hot topics of chemistry. This experience can also have the lasting effect of helping members narrow a field of interest for education and work beyond graduation.

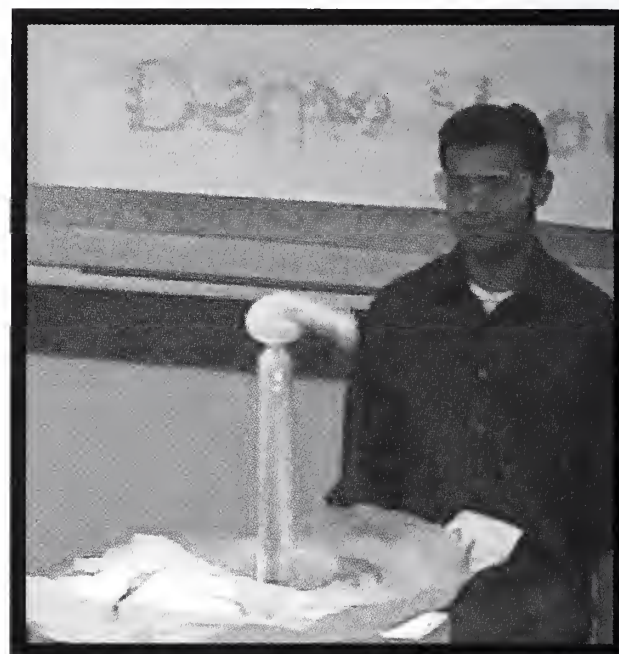
American Chemical Society

Annual Events:

Chemistry Demo Show
ACS Conference in New Orleans
Science Banquet



Above: Mike Zickus looks away as he burns magnesium



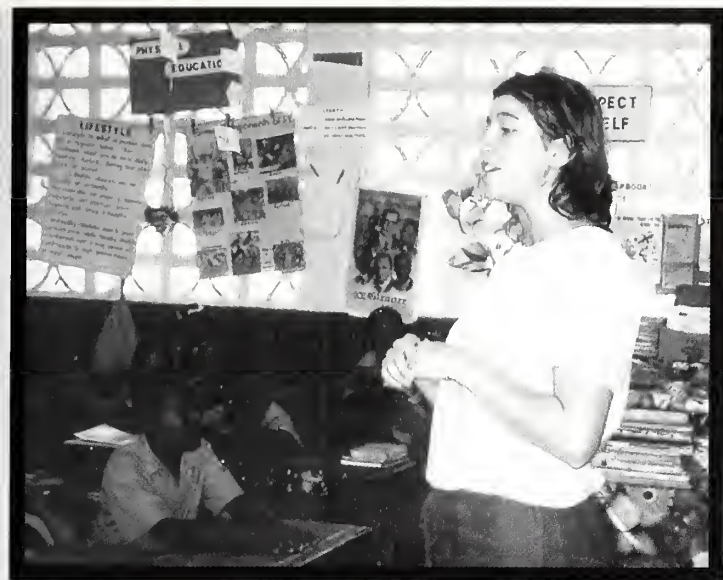
Right: Arsalan Ahmed performs the famous elephant toothpaste demo.



Front row: Arsalan Ahmed, Erin Schultz, Jessica DeVito, Iris Geisler, Cheryl McGuffy

Back row: Darlene Florence, Mike Zickus, Fred Agnew, Jim Graziano, Jonathan Miles, Tom Schneider

Not pictured: Rob McAllister, Giana Stork



Left: A nursing student educates students in Jamaica while also enjoying the rich culture.



Left: Amanda Lazara educates students in Jamaica about the importance of personal hygiene.



Front row: Leah Garcia, Persis Chacko, Alpa Patel, Jessica
Middle row: Shylia Emery, Terry Johnson, Amanda Lazzara, Stacy Vining, Tina Randall, Erica Ortiz
Back row: Guadalupe Gomez, Avani Patel, Patty McBriarty, Jenne Montiel, Mary Beth Sadowski, Colleen Hammerslough, Robin Baumgartner, Gwen Morrice, Kate Buyer, Julie

We provide opportunities for nursing students to aid them in their future goals.

The Student Nurses Association is an organization that promotes the well-being of nursing students. The SNA is a sub-organization of the American Nurses Association. SNA strives to provide opportunities to nursing students to aid them in their future goals. Speakers and nurse recruiters are invited to the college to speak to students and to help them identify career choices. There is also a CPR class held every year to provide an easy and affordable option to nursing students. SNA also aids the community. This year, funds were donated to DuPage Community Clinic and Sarah's Inn, and were used to purchase medical supplies for Jamaican schools.

Student Nurses Association

Annual Events:

CPR class
 Blood Drive
 Donated \$500 for medical supplies in Jamaica
 Walk for Hope



Right: Students in attendance at the Gathering sat back and listened to other students' creative works.



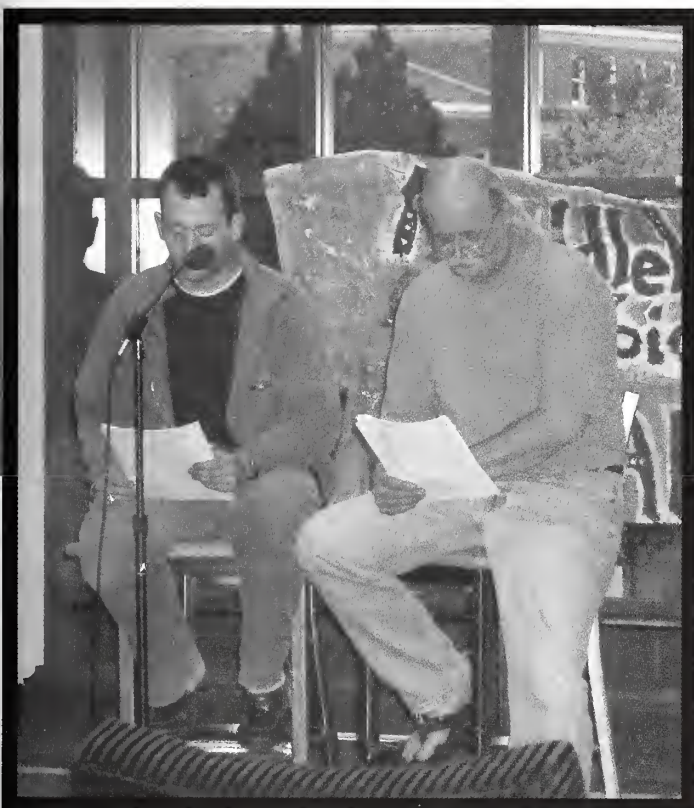
Above: Dr. Wilcox and other faculty listen attentively as their students share their writings at the Gathering.

Right: Benjamin Butitto and Mike Pinto along with their Jazz ensemble entertain those who attended the MiddleWestern Voice Gathering.





Left: Bill Hillman reads aloud a short narrative that he had written for the crowd at the MWV Gathering.



Left: MWV adviser, Dr. Ron Wiginton, and Mark Szakonyi read aloud a story written by Mark.



2003 MiddleWestern Voice Staff: Katie Reinecke, Kristin Trusco, Lidsay Jacobson, Mary-Agnes Janke, Jessica Blindt, Pam Gruett, Jon Wendling

We are dedicated to the celebration of artistic talent on the Elmhurst College campus.

MiddleWestern Voice is dedicated to the celebration of artistic talent on the Elmhurst College campus. Our inspiration lies in publishing the literature and art works of Elmhurst College students in our annual magazine in efforts to raise awareness of the creativity that our fellow students possess. Each year we solicit, judge, and choose the best literature and art submitted to our magazine. We also host The Gathering, A Celebration of the Arts each semester in an effort to give writers and artists on campus a means to express and showcase their creativity. On these evenings, the college community can come together to enjoy poetry, prose, music provided by students, and the artwork adorning the walls of the Founders Lounge. This fall MiddleWestern Voice was awarded the highest honor that a student publication can achieve: the title of All-American with five marks of excellence from the Associated Collegiate Press Association.

MiddleWestern Voice

Annual Events:

- ☆ Publication of The Middle Western Voice literary magazine.
- ☆ The Gathering
- ☆ Middle Western Voices High School Writing Workshop



The Dinkmeyer Community, as well as the residence hall community in general, inspires our hall congress. We are motivated to create a more social, uplifting, and interactive atmosphere in the campus community.

Dinkmeyer Hall Congress

Annual Events:
Turkey Toss
The Roommate Game

North Hall Council is inspired by instilling a sense of belonging amongst our hall as well as establishing a connection to the college community. Our focus is creating programming for all residents to provide venues for social interaction and to help facilitate meaningful relationships amongst peers.

North Hall Council

Annual Events:
Karoke for Ka\$h

Right: Holly Jackson and RA Asia Hill discuss some ideas for Schick Hall Council.



Dinkmeyer Hall Congress Lindsey Hanson, Liz Deppong, Jeni Sweeney, Dewain Strickland

Back row: Stephanie Callahan, Jensine Fitzgibbons, Shylia Emery
Not pictured: Jenny McMahon, Melisa Meyers, Jessica Potts, Sara Harris, Sharon Dooley, Erin Jones (advisor)



North Hall Council: Jeannie Wyse, Christa Nayder (president), Julia Olsen (treasurer), Carrie May, Megan Leahy (vice president), Dan Adgent
Back row: Cathy VanHorne, Kelly Marino, Joud A. Majed (co-advisor), Marlayne Dobill, Beth Duszynski, Julie Iemole (secretary), Rabia Khan (advisor)



Left: RAs' Kerry Olin and Shylia Emery make pancakes for the residents in Dinkmeyer Hall.

Living on campus is a great experience, providing opportunities to make life-long friendships.



Schick Hall Council: Daffeny Fowler, Holly Jackson, Asia Hill, Krystal Kull, Martina Dimova, Amanda Bell, Katie Dahlquist

We strive to make Schick Hall an inseparable part of the college experience for our residents.

Schick Hall Council

Annual Events:

Halloween Program for residents
Rock the U



Unite Stanger: Bridget Willis (president), Lea Shay, Korena Skrzypczyk, Sarah Grindstaff, Shelly Ruzicka

Back row: Rob Dagget (treasurer), Ryan Clairn (RA advisor), Tara Sostak, Liz Rateike, Carolyn Mandley (secretary), Jason Vale (vice president)

Our organization is inspired by our hall. Our sole purpose as a hall organization is to get the Stanger residents involved.

Unite Stanger

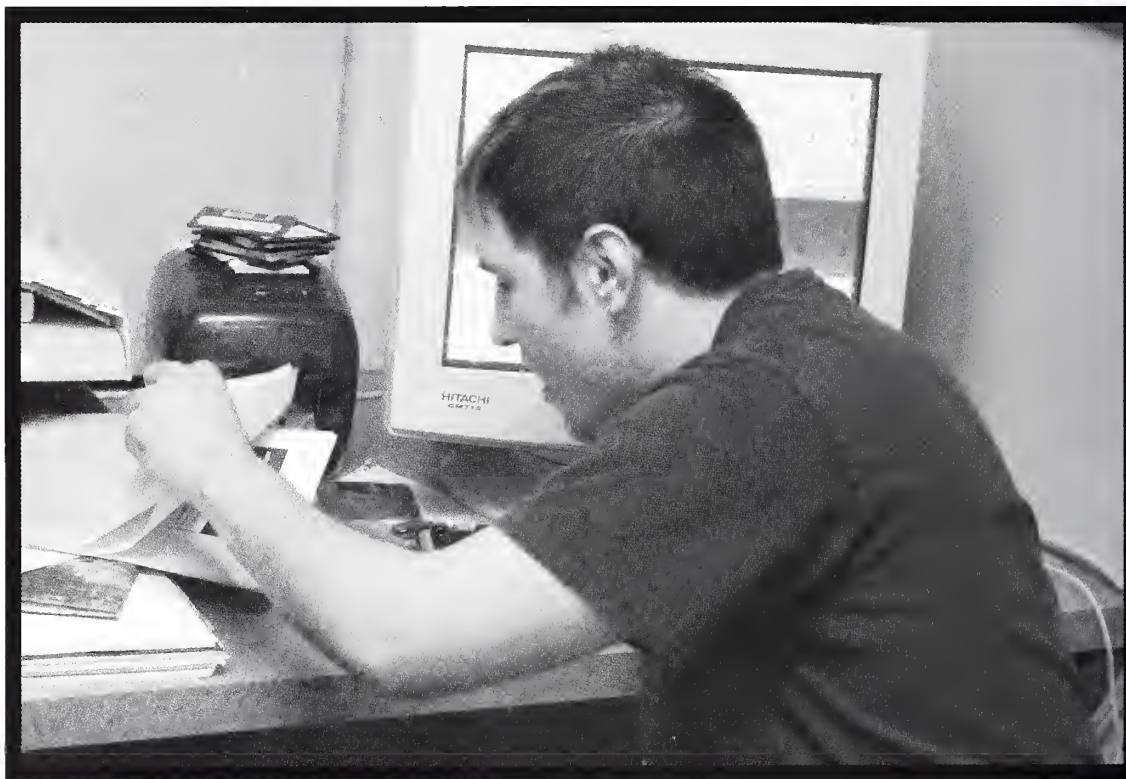
Annual Events:

Halloween Helping Hands



Right: Mary-Agnes Janke checks out the latest copy of the Leader.

Below: Tom Biegel carefully checks his work.



Right: Leader staff member Brett Rush finalizes his information for the story he is working on.





Left: Mike Stone finalizes his proofs before the paper hits the presses.

Below: Senior Lindsey Jacobson looks over her pages one last time.



Front: Will Petty, Jon Wendling, Stella Calamia, Alison Swade, Ron Wiginton, Dan Adgent.

Middle: Cherie Getchell, Cindy Zimmer, Mackenzie Gaffney and Meg Posey

Back: Brian Callahan, Nick Bajzek, Art Dodd, Ross Burgstead, Craig Tiede, Ken Shipbaugh, Brittan Ashcroft, Leanne Pavel, Lindsay Jacobson, Brett Rush, Tom Biegel

We strive to inform the campus community about what is going on around them.

The Leader's inspiration is to fulfill our obligation as a student newspaper to inform the campus community about what's going on around them, both at Elmhurst College and in the surrounding neighborhoods and even the world. We strive to maintain the standards and expectations of a newspaper, while still serving the college community and allowing us to explore the world of journalism.

The Leader

Annual Events:

Summer Orientation Issue

Leader Lecture

ICPA Convention in Chicago

Elmhurst College is home of the Iota Theta Chapter of Order of Omega, the National Greek Honors Society. This honor is given to select juniors and seniors who complete an application and upon review are selected into the Honors Society. They are selected based on academic achievement, Greek involvement, campus involvement and community service. Order of Omega strives to promote excellence in the Greek system. Order of Omega organizes the Greek Awards to honor the chapters for all of their hard work during the year.

Order of Omega

Our organization is inspired by a desire to help the community in both biological and everyday affairs. We wish to help others who need it while instilling a love of biology.

Beta Beta Beta

Annual Events:

Volunteering at the Animal Welfare League
Blood drive
Seminars featuring speakers in the biological field



Front: Amanda Lazzara, Katie Culler, Erica Ortiz, Jennifer Podger, Jessica Dotson, Breanne Briskey

Back: Ricky Oliverio, Marie Gwin, Courtney Schirmer, Kari Johnson, Liz Rateike, Sarah Kiefer, Sara Lane, Kristin Sidlauskas, Nic Montmarquette, Megan Suess



Front: Samantha Kwit (president), Jessica Hall, Kelly VanGuilder (vice-president)

Middle: Margaret McCurdy (treasurer and historian), Breanne Briskey, Melissa Miller Rebecca Rowe

Back: Jessica Hekr, Kevin Polsley, Dave Schmitz, Jen Randall

Not pictured: Dr. Kent Kerby (advisor), Sarah Roe (secretary), Danielle Amodeo, Crystal Amber Biver, Lisa Couch, Jennifer Gallas, James Graziano, Michael Greco, Stephen Hurley, Jenni Knautz, Nick Palace, Heather Schneider, Patty Sianis, Kerry Swartz



2003 ASCD Members



2003 Charter Members: Jill Darnell, Rosanna DeAstis, Katherine Enright, Brooke Fries, Yvania Gamez, Amy Goodwin, Heleena Hampson, Jill Iskra, Jaclyn Iwasko, Melanie McQueen, Jillian Milinkovich, Katherine Pitello, Jenny Schmidt, Jennifer Sweeney, Laura VeVers, Phoebe Wainwright, Sarah Wakely, Dr. Nelson daCosta, Communications Professor; Deatra Sullivan-Morgan, Adviser

ASCD is an organization that promotes professional development and collaboration of education students. ASCD sponsors many speakers each semester as well as organizing an annual mini-conference on campus each year.

ASCD

Annual Events:
ASCD Mini Conference

Communication majors are often asked, "What do you do with a Communication Degree?" This field engulfs many areas of expertise. We teach others how to communicate effectively. We mess with messages. We make sense of what seems senseless. On May 8, 2003 the Omicron Tau chapter of Lambda Pi Eta became a reality. This honor society recognizes scholars in the field of Communication. The members of Lambda Pi Eta represent Aristotle's persuasion philosophy of Logos, meaning logic, Pathos, relating to emotion, and Ethos, one's character credibility and ethics.

Lambda Pi Eta



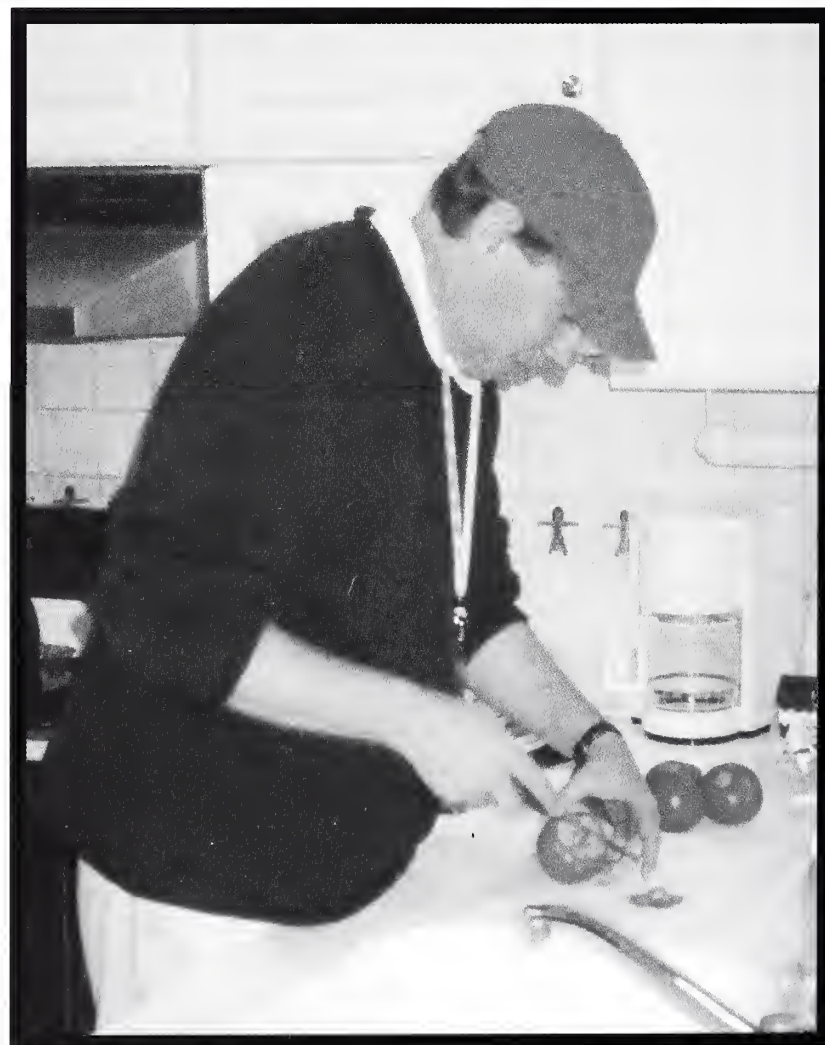
Right: Jennifer Mieliulis and Courtney Stevens take a second from cooking to pose for the camera.

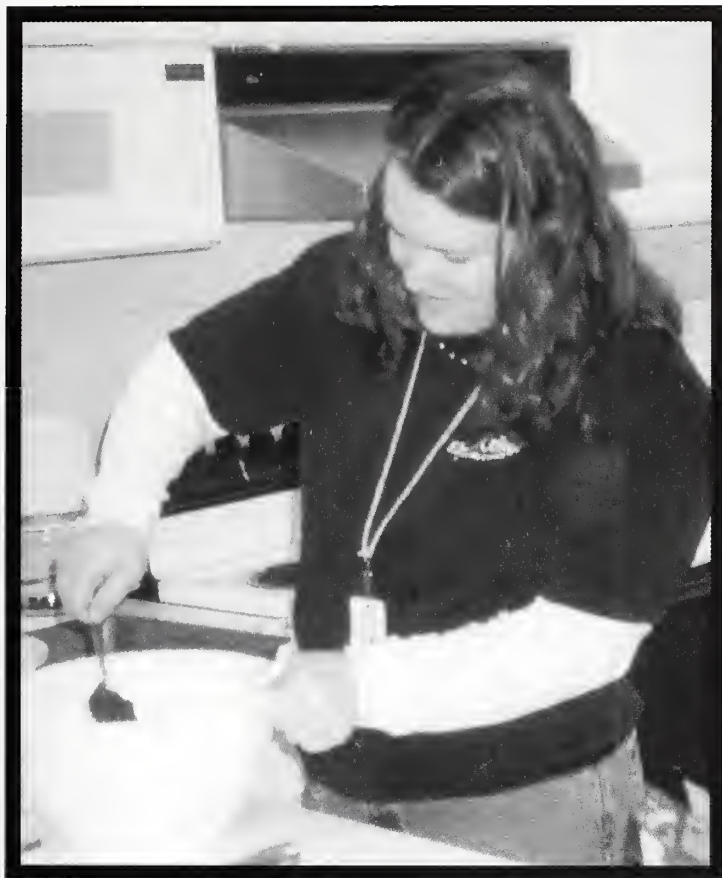


Below: After a long afternoon of cooking, SLC gathers outside of Ronald McDonald House for a group photo.



Right: Chop, Chop, Chop. Scott Matheny slices tomatoes for the taco dinner.





Left: Eliza Leatherberry helps prepare meals for the children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House



Front row: Courtney Stevens, Anne Kralej, James Kryshak
Middle row: David Lavco, Scott Tharp, Lindsay Young, Leanne Pavel, Eliza Leatherberry, Sara Lane
Back row: H. Scott Matheney, Courtney Schroeck, Sarah Kiefer

*We are inspired
 by which we all
 have: faith.*

The Spiritual Life council exists to nurture a spiritual atmosphere that complements the mission of the College and supports the spiritual development of members of the College community. The Spiritual Life Council will plan, promote, implement, and evaluate all the religious and spiritual events at Elmhurst College as well as create a discussion of spiritual and religious experiences in order to promote understanding and tolerance. The Spiritual Life Council officers and Board of Directors shall work to ensure that people of a diverse faith background are represented on the council and will advise students, faculty, staff and administrators about the religious and spiritual needs of the College community.

Spiritual Life Council

Annual Events:

- ✧ Hanging of the Greens
- ✧ Got Faith? Week



*We are inspired by
the ideal concepts
of equality, justice,
and respect.*

Our organization is inspired in the broadest sense by the need for equality on the EC campus and in the world at large. We are motivated to raise awareness of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues in the college community, educate, and inform all individuals in regard to these issues, promote sensitivity to alternative lifestyles, and combat stereotypes, and prejudice of all kinds.



Above: Alice Niziolek, Richard Hazley, Christopher Travis and Nadia Sahely introduce themselves and their clubs at Synergia's annual Culture Festival.



Right: Patricia Kaira models an authentic traditional African dress.



Front row: Stephanie Callahan, Heather Wood
Back row: Nikki Mukosey, Perry Simmons, Garrett Marshall, Ron Rossi, Justin Beal, and Jim Kryshak
Not pictured: Julie Kilmer, adviser; Sara Harris, Eliza Leatherberry, Jennifer Mielulis, Christian Castillo



Left: Anita Kiwelu, Synergia member, wearing a soft green, flowing traditional Pakistani dress at Synergia's annual fashion show

We bring students together despite our differences, and create long-lasting friendships which will go beyond our college years.

Synergia is a support group for international students here on campus as we provide many forms of help for those who are unfamiliar with life in the US, especially college life. We provide information and direction to international students in terms of immigration and INS laws, as well as educate the campus about international issues. We invite all of those who would like to learn more about different cultures, languages, traditions, music, and lifestyles to come join us, as we would love to share with each other the experiences in such different, and in many ways similar, countries. We would like to make the experience both informative, and a lot of fun. This means getting to know each other better through various sorts of activities and outings to restaurants, retreats, barbecues, going to downtown Chicago, and other trips, which is always a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

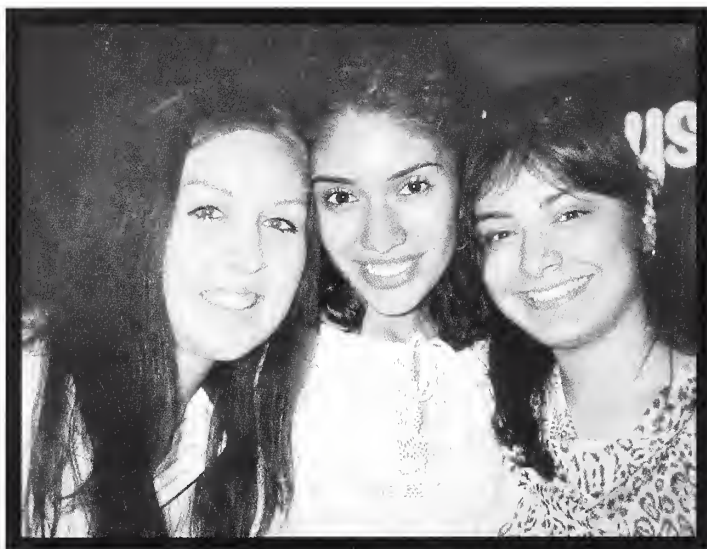
Synergia

Annual Events:

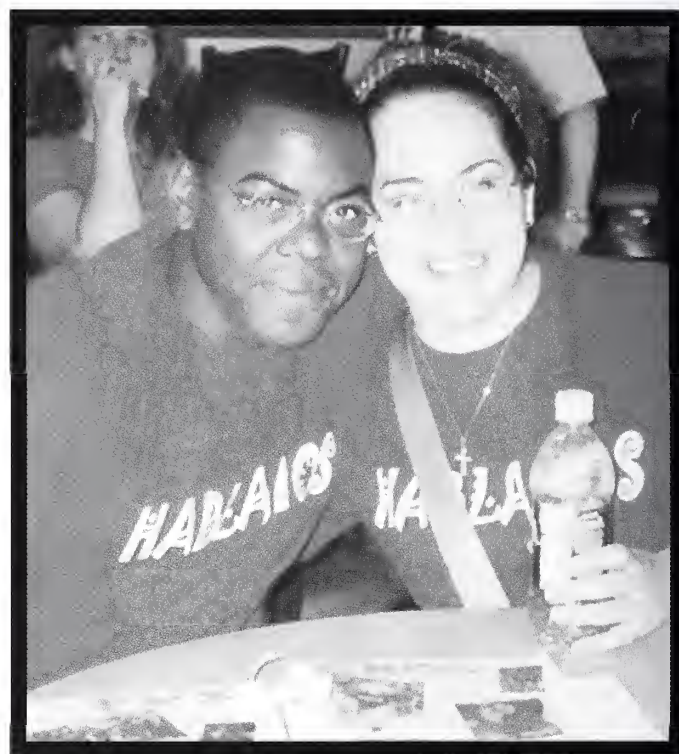
Multicultural Retreat to Stronghold in Oregon, IL
Culture Fest
International Week



Front row: Jing Ping Luo, Bin Wu, Gaurav Sharma, Anita Kiwelu
Back row: Alice Niziolek, Patricia Kaira, Foad Saghir, Rada Maksimovic, Ruxi Hahn, Zeba Mumtaz



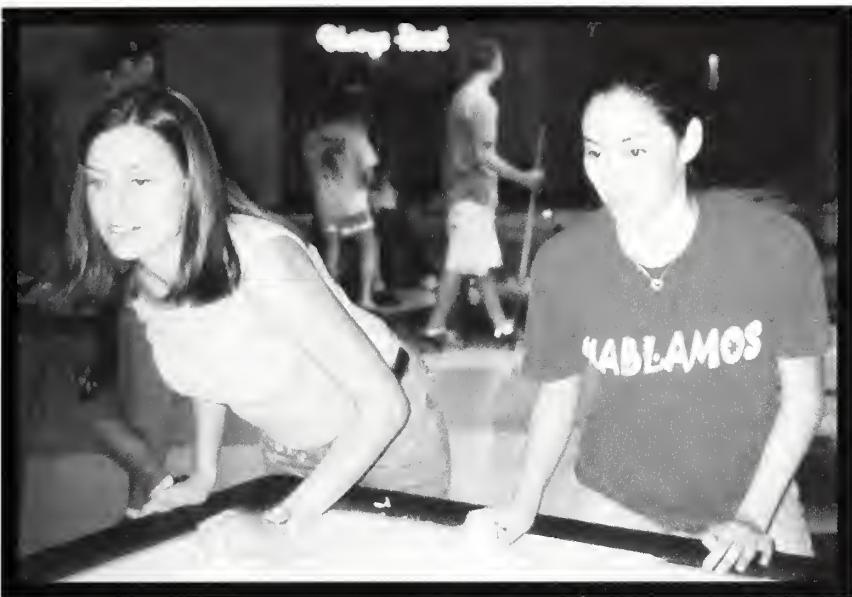
Above: Members of Hablamos pose for a picture during Latino Palooza.



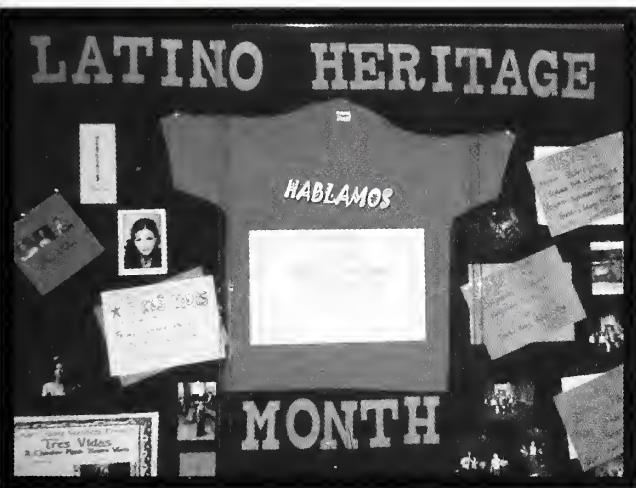
Above right: Hablamos members proudly promote their organization at the activity fair in the Bluejays Roost.

Right: Three members of Hablamos get all twisted up in a game of Twister.





Above: Hablamos members enjoy a game of air hockey together.



Left: Hablamos proudly displays Latino Heritage Month items to educate Elmhurst students of their culture.



2003 HABLAMOS Members

We strive to educate the campus about the Latino heritage and culture.

Full inspiration: HABLAMOS stands for Hispanic Americans Building Leadership, Acceptance, Motivation, Opportunity, and Strength. We in HABLAMOS are all different and unique and all come from different backgrounds. Even though each of us is different, we work together to form a student run organization at EC that brings out a positively projected self image for Latinos on and off campus. We try to educate the campus about the Latino heritage and culture by sponsoring fun, educational, and multicultural events. We keep in contact with other schools, alumni, and other organizations on campus to support and motivate their goals. Each month the members of HABLAMOS get together to join in a community service project. We give each other strength and opportunities by keeping track of one another's GPAs and helping each other by finding available scholarships.

HABLAMOS

Annual Events:

- ★ Hispanic Heritage Month
- ★ Latino Palooza
- ★ Educational programs on Latino history
- ★ Dia de la Familia

*We try to
inspire spirit
among the
Elmhurst
College fans.*

The sports of Elmhurst College inspire us to cheer on our teams and try to get the crowd excited about the game and cheering along with us. We demonstrate school spirit and encourage others to have Elmhurst College spirit also. Some events that you will find the cheerleaders at are the football games and the men's basketball games. The cheerleaders also perform at the pep rally for homecoming and the homecoming football game.

Cheerleaders

Annual Events:

Cheer at all home football and men's basketball games
Decorate locker rooms

Right and below:
During halftime, the cheerleaders help the fans root for the Bluejays.



Right:
Three cheerleaders catch their teammate after a lift they demonstrated at the Pep Rally.



Back Row: Stevan Dobric, Dave Schmitz
Second Row: Andrea Yarbrough, Erin Schultz, Laura Sutor, Lauren Martire, Meghan Lahart
Front Row: Christy Asbee, Nikki Mukosey, Wendy Florence, Katelyn Doyle



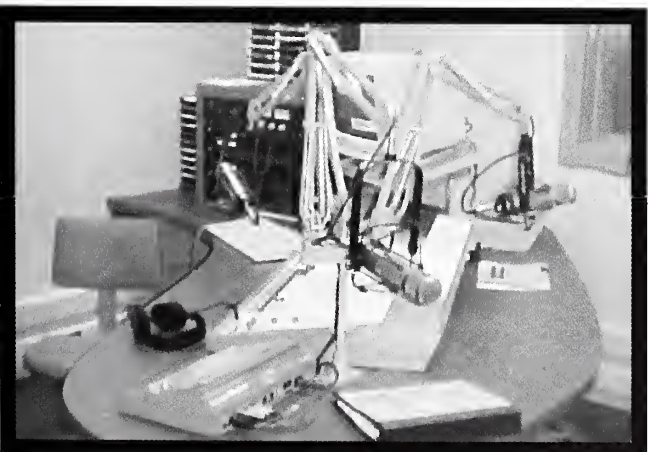
*WRSE is radio for
the students, and
by the students.*

Tuning into the radio, one can go up and down the dial without hearing something that really appeals to them. WRSE provides the students of Elmhurst College with the opportunity to broadcast something THEY want to hear. It is radio for the students, and by the students. Students are able to learn about the many facets of broadcasting, and are able to have some fun while doing it. There is a great feeling of satisfaction when students can see, or hear, the results of their efforts, and enjoy them as well. WRSE also provides entertainment in other ways, such as putting on concerts, providing music for other events, and putting on events of its own. WRSE does its best to be the station for the students, and by the students.



Above: AWRSE staff member speaks on the air during his radio show.

Left:
A radio staff member hunts for a song requested by a listener.



WRSE

Annual Events:

Charity softball game to benefit Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA).
Halloween concert featuring local bands
Several spring concerts featuring local bands
Provided music at Walk for Hope, Sigma Kappa
Twister Tourney, Greek Games
Provided hours of musical and other entertainment on 88.7 FM



*Choir is our
family away
from home.*

This year marked a new beginning for the Women's Choir, as alumni Deb Utley took the podium, and the group quickly turned from a choir into a family. With a Halloween costume competition, redefined Christmas Carol titles, Homecoming car contest, Women's Week performance, Eating Disorder Awareness Week performance, a visit to Batavia and St. Charles High Schools and all the concerts in between, the year was busy. Using music as the core, the group worked together to achieve a new standard of performance and found themselves successful. The highlight of the year, according to audience reaction, was the performance of "Worthy to be Praised", a gospel song that included the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and brought the audience to their feet. As the choir looks ahead with plans already in the making, next year holds endless possibilities.



Above: The Women's Choir performs in the chapel under the direction of Deb Utley.

Right: As members of Concert Choir stand before Ground Zero, the sight of the vast hole pulls at their emotions.



Women's Choir

Annual Events:
Open concerts for the
Elmhurst Community.
Recruitment Tour

Right: A flag hangs at Ground Zero as memorial to all those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center bombings. Concert Choir visited Ground Zero on their tour of New York.





Above: The Elmhurst College Concert Choir performs at their annual Fall Concert in Hammerschmidt Chapel.



Left: Director Sue Moninger leads the choir at mid-year commencement.

Below: The Concert Choir performs on their tour in New York City.



The Elmhurst College Concert Choir, under the direction of Susan Moninger, participates in many noteworthy events each year. The choir can be seen each year singing at the Sunday morning Homecoming service at St. Peter's Church. The choir also performs at Lessons and Carols each December, as well as at Mid-Year Commencement every February. In addition to these events the choir puts on annual Fall and Spring Concerts. The choir had a phenomenal year in store for 2002-2003. They began their year with a new tradition, started last year, a weekend together on the choir retreat. The choir also released two new CD's over Homecoming weekend, one featuring Christmas Favorites, and one featuring the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Over spring break, the choir traveled to New York on our annual tour and sang at many high schools for recruitment purposes, performed at churches and visited many educational and entertaining spots in the Big Apple. From the Statue of Liberty to a Broadway show, we did all we could. The highlight of this tour was the chance to visit Ground Zero and leave a memento from the choir and from Elmhurst College at the memorial at Trinity Church. The Elmhurst College Concert Choir was even given the opportunity to debut the work of member, Peter Purin, *Psalm 121*.

Concert Choir

Annual Events:

- ★ Concerts for students and community
- ★ Recruitment tour
- ★ Performance at Lessons and Carols
- ★ Performance at Mid-Year Commencement



*Once a
Sinfonian,
always a
Sinfonian.*

This year was Phi Mu Alpha's first official year on the Elmhurst College campus. Phi Mu Alpha is a nationwide professional music fraternity, bringing together men with a common bond: music. Through their presence on campus they hope to get the college community more interested in music and provide entertainment to the campus through events such as the recital they held each semester in the Bluejays Roost where they played a variety of music from pop to classical and even some original pieces by members of the organization. Their goals for the future include getting more involved in the community, working with local elementary schools to provide free lessons to students, getting more people on campus involved in the group, and enriching the lives of others through music.

Phi Mu Alpha

Annual Events:
American Music Recital
Mills Music Mission
Christmas Caroling



Above: Members of the Jazz Band, Benjamin Buttito, George Andrikokus, Russel Weinberg-Kinsey, Justin Beal, Kelly Page and Kendon Schultz, perform on the football field at Homecoming.



Front: Dan Jensen, Russell Weinberg-Kinsey, Jason Steffen, Patrick Grosser, Michael Teare, Tom Ryan, Josh Kamisky, Kyle Kopecky, Cornelius Marr

Back: Justin Block, Dave Lundeen, Dan Trampas, Brian Raney, Ed Hempel, Tom Dufore, Kendon Schultz, Randy Little

Not Pictured: Bradlee Guenther



Above: Guest conductor Robert Jager addresses the audience to explain a piece he composed that the band is about to perform.



Above: Prof. Judith Grimes directs the Elmhurst College and Community Band in the chapel at their Spring Concert.

The Elmhurst College and Community Band is made up of about 100 members, in a mix of students, graduates and members of the Elmhurst local community. This year, the concert band welcomed Robert Jager to the campus. Robert Jager is one of the most famous and successful composers living today. The band performed many of his pieces and was given the opportunity to rehearse under his direction. Each semester, the students in the band go on tour to many grade schools, middle schools, and high schools in the Midwest. This year, they went to Gary, Indiana and St. Louis. These tours are a learning experience for both Elmhurst College students and the students at the host schools. It is a great opportunity for many of the members in the band to experience different types of music programs in a variety of schools.

Elmhurst College and Community Band

- Annual Events:*
 Guest Conductor
 Recruitment Tour
 Concerts

Sororities

Alpha Phi
Delta Sigma Theta
Gamma Chi
Sigma Gamma Rho
Sigma Kappa
Sigma Lambda Gamma



Sigma Gamma Rho



Sigma Gamma Rho: Brandi Green, Dakeeda Williams, Tiffany Kemp, Tara Chillis



Front row: Katie Culler, Amanda Lazzara

Back row: Breanne Briskey, Francesca Miroballi, Megan Zimosk



Front row: Jennie Dukats, Alessandra LaScala, Colleen Potts, Katelyn Doyle, Kristin Morris, Megan Zimowsk, Crystal Allanson, Diane Edelstein, Vanessa Englehart, Lisa Kurth, Jen Ortiz

Second Row: Kristin Panzarella, Amanda Lazzara, Annie Marcell, Christine Sapp, Marie Gwin, Jill Shaw, Jenn Podgor, Natalie Dear, Kelly Marino, Julia Kim, Gina Gallagher, Jenelle Schoenherr, Megan Scianna

Third row: Phaedra Wells, Meghan Lahart, Lori Panzarella, Jennifer Cromer, Kristen Butler, Sarah Kiefer, Leah Spindler, Carla Schoenherr, Mandi Virzi, Melissa Miller, Katie DiCola, Amanda Lich, Alicia Anos, Beth Monaco

Back row: Jen Schmidt, Katie Thompson, Jennifer Szostak, Val Heichel, Courtney Schirmer, Allison Greene, Beth Roby, Katie Culler, Laura Roach, Lindsey Hansen, Liz Rateike

Not Pictured: Megan Kuck, Rachael Machala, Katie Moran, Sarah Grindstaff, Becca Rowe, Kelly VanGuilder, Courtney Kistenfeger, Alana Kroll, Meg Marier, Sarah Nielson, Holly Hanneke

Panhellenic Council is the governing body of sororities on campus. It is comprised of representatives from all member sororities. Member sororities are; Alpha Phi, Gamma Chi and Sigma Kappa. The Panhellenic Council is driven by the knowledge that, regardless of our individual affiliations, we have a common bond in Greek sisterhood. The vision of a strong Greek Community that works together to better itself and the college as a whole is what inspires our never-ending commitment to the Council and each other.

Panhellenic Council

Colby College in Waterville, Maine was the first college in New England to admit female students on an equal basis with male students. It is no surprise that the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority originated with those first female students. Sigma Kappa was founded by five women who strove for equal opportunity, intellectual, social, and spiritual development. Members of the Zeta Iota Chapter here at Elmhurst also strive to achieve those ideas that our founders set for us. High academic achievement, social development and making contributions to our campus and local community though our philanthropic projects are all things members strive towards. Sigma Kappa members are continually aiming for the high ideas that their five founders set for them.

Sigma Kappa

Annual Events:

Week of Giving
Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk
Twister Tournament
Eating Disorders Awareness Week



Left: Amy Goodwin, Bethany Moslener, and Amanda Bell waiting for the Polar Express train at the Elmhurst station.



Far left: Rob Galarza and Vicki Kania clean litter from the grass around the Brookfield train station.



Above: The group poses for a photo at their petitioning ceremony in the fall.

Front: Bethany Moslener, Vicki Kania, Jenny Johnson, Amanda Bell, Adviser Jen Smith

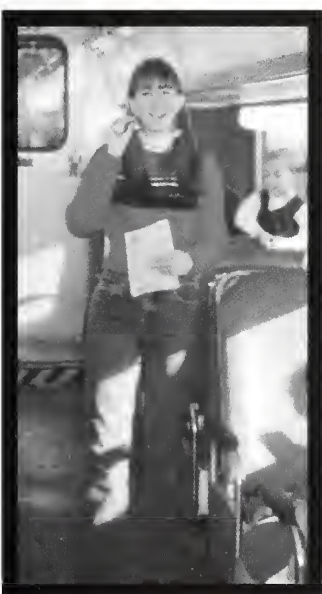
Back: Melissa McClintic, Sherry Kielch, Allison Wettstein, Krissy Goebbert, Lisa Kurth, Amy Goodwin, Brandon Brummett

Left: Sherry Kielch pins a heart on the back of her teammate bearing the name of a heart disease survivor.





Right: Bethany Moslener picks up trash during Brookfield's project N.I.C.E.



Right: Jenny Johnson leads the children in singing holiday carols on the Polar Express train.
Above: Seniors Vicki Kania and Melissa McClintic try to stay warm as they wait for the families riding on the blue car to the "north pole."



Front: Michelle Laughlin, Amanda Bell, Amy Goodwin, Melissa, Vicki Kania, Lisa Kurth, Melissa Laughlin

Back: Melissa McClintic, Jenny Johnson, Rob Galarza, Bethany Moslener, Allison Wettstein

*Be a Leader.
Be a Friend.
Be of Service.*

Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed national service fraternity based on the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Members provide service to the campus and the surrounding community, in addition to participating in national service opportunities. However, this group is about much more than volunteering: members develop leadership skills by organizing successful service projects and frequently participate in fellowship activities for a chance to have some fun together. The Elmhurst College Petitioning Group is committed to lending a helping hand when needed, and having fun doing so.

Alpha Phi Omega

Annual Events:

Ronald McDonald House
Polar Express
Walk for Hope
Tour de Foot
Project N.I.C.E. (Neighbors Involved in a Clean Environment)



*Brotherhood,
scholarship,
and service.*

On Jan 9, 1914, three men had a vision of a fraternity that exemplify culture for service and service to humanity. Today we meet and exceed those values to our full potential.

Phi Beta Sigma



Phi Beta Sigma: John McMillian, Phillip Easton, Benitez Brown, Will Jefferson, Adrian Henry, Frito St. Hilaire, Jamel Fox, Landon Turner, Anwar Wallace, Lewis Polanco-Webb
Not Pictured: Charles Smith

Lambda Chi Alpha





Above: Carl Young marvels at all the bags of food that local residents donated.
Opposite page: Lambda Chi Alpha members organize all they collected during their food drive.



Front: Rory Remour, Mike Dastice, Ryan Crissey, Scott Friedman, Mike Prost
Middle: Tim Hoff, Justin Kuhn
Back: Gino Latorre, Chris Deseart, Mike Provinizo, Kyle Monestero, Jason Bugajsky, Kevin Thompson, Andrew Augustyn, Ricky Oliverio, Robert Jones

Alpha Sigma Phi

Annual Events:

Walk for Hope
 Kanine Companions



Right: Members of Union Board rake leaves in the Elmhurst Community.



Above: Members of Union Board proudly display their awards won at Evening of Honors.

Right:
A Union Board member is surrounded by baskets as she fills them for ECVC.





Above: Melissa and Michelle Laughlin help fill Easter baskets in the Bluejay's Roost.



Left: Sara Lane adds the last pieces of candy to an Easter basket.



Organization of the Year.

We desire to put on good programs for our fellow students. We are always working to encourage greater student participation, to provide great leadership opportunities for our members, and to serve a diverse student body by putting on a wide variety of fun activities throughout the semester.

Union Board

Annual Events:

- ★ Homecoming
- ★ Fall Fest
- ★ Winter Fest
- ★ Spring Fling
- ★ Volunteer fair



Right: Professor Judith Grimes addresses the graduates and leaves them with a few words of wisdom.

Below:
Senior Amy Goodwin receives her diploma from President Cureton.



Right:
The graduates stand to sing the Alma Mater for the last time as students of Elmhurst College.

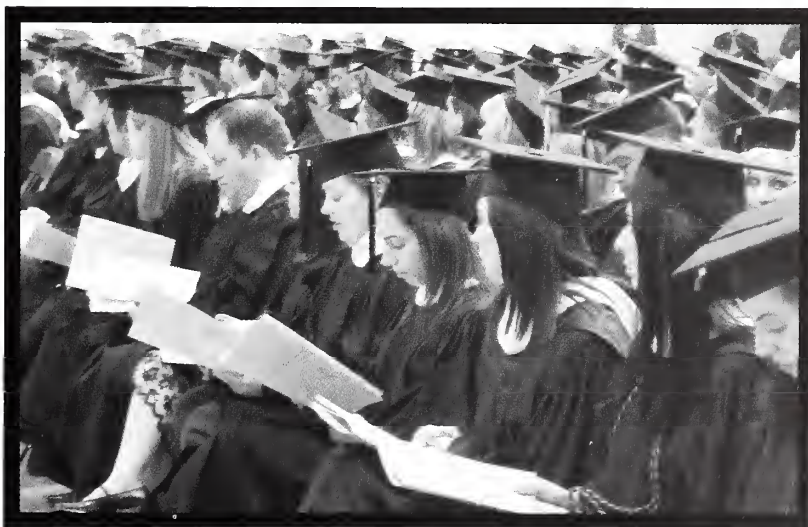
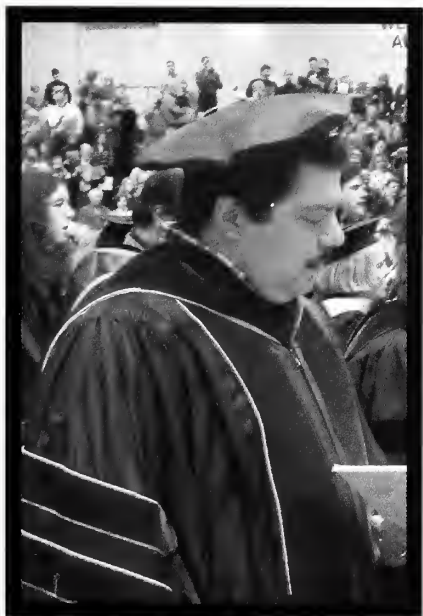


Congratulations 2003 Graduates!

Below: Darlene Florence proudly smiles as she receives her diploma in front of the many gathered at the Commencement ceremony.



Left: Jen Podger lights a candle during the First Annual Pass It On service prior to graduation.



Left: A professor follows along in his program as the ceremony progresses.

Above: Graduates anticipate walking across the stage and receiving their diplomas.





★ "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who
who matter don't mind."

~Dr. Seuss



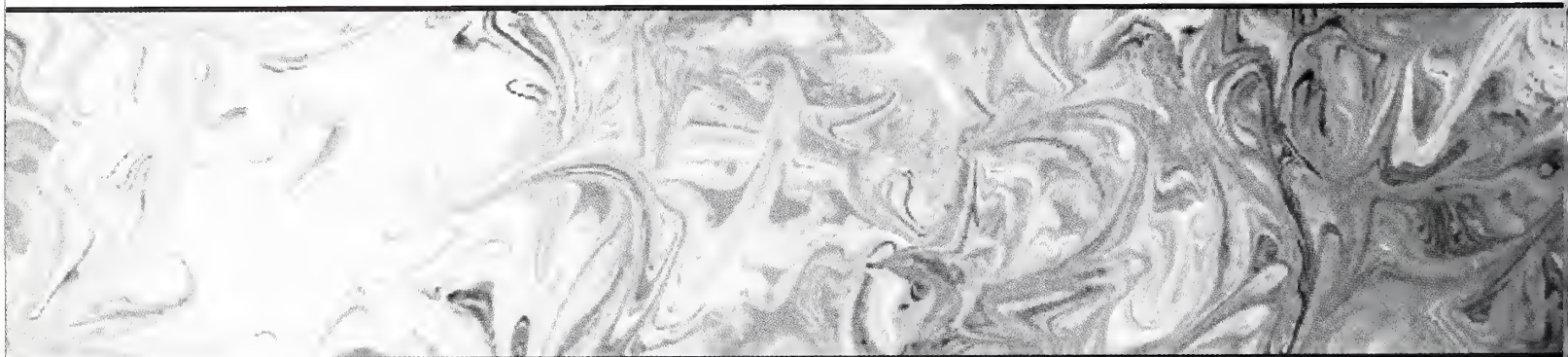
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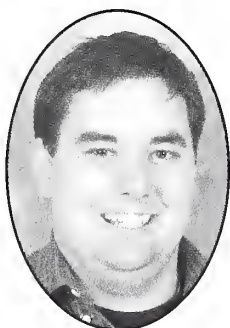
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Robin Baumgartner



Derek Bonaparte



John Born



Meagen Boyle



Kelly Burke



Stephanie Callahan



Alison Carroll



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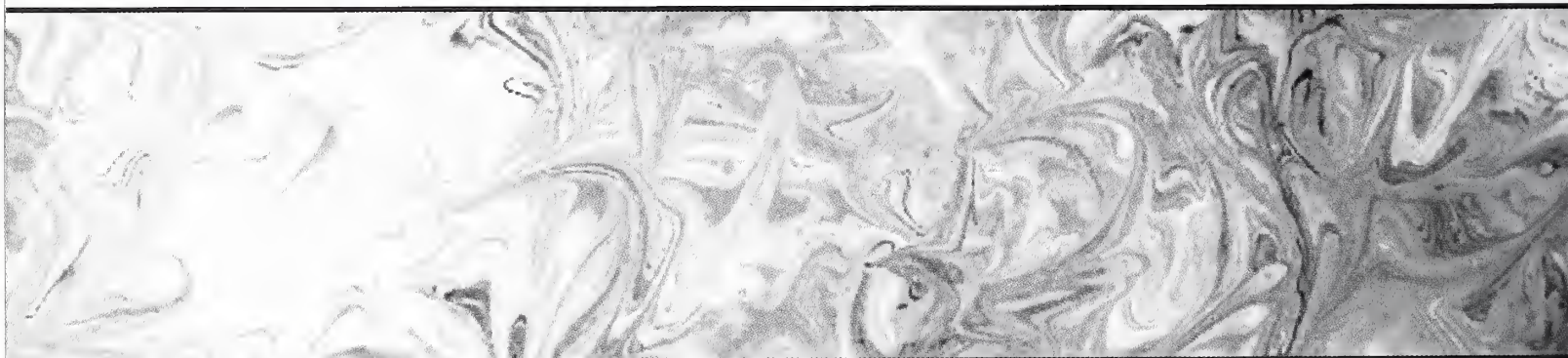


Corrie Farrington





"Experience tells you what to do; confi



Joseph Feldmann



Darlene Florence



Christine Flowers



Tamara Frank



Emily Froeschner



Mike Gavin



Brianne Gidcumb



Amy Goodwin



Jason Kareem Granberry



Jim Graziano



nce allows you to do it." -Stan Smith



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Rudy Gruenke IV



Ruxi Hahn



Lindsey Hansen



Sara Harris



Olin Hill



Meagan Hillard



Matthew Hinze



Carrie Holgate



Adam S. Ignar



Jaclyn Iwasko

Seniors



MARTINA V. DIMOVA

Age: 21

Major/Minor: Finance Major/Professional Communications Minor

Hometown: Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Involvements:

- Resident Advisor
- American Marketing Association: Vice President of Finance
- Schick Hall Council
- Mentoring Program
- Honors Program
- Elmhurst City Center: Marketing Committee

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"Do unto others as you would have done unto you."

Inspiration:

Striving for perfection, accomplishment, and excelling.

Role Model/Influential Person:

Grandfather: His unconditional love for the family and dedication to his work

Lucy [best friend from Bulgaria]: She has always been good at everything and finishes what she starts.

Mother: She is a very persistent woman, I admire that in her.



Above:

Martina sits in her room studying for a test.

Left:

Martina talks with other members of Schick Hall Council about upcoming events.

JOHN GENE COAKLEY BORN



Age: 21

Major/Minor: Music Business and Communication

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Involvements:

- Union Board: Concert Chair
- Orientation Student Leader
- Varsity Track and Field
- Jazz Band/Jazz Festival
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Student Recording Services: Head Engineer
- Student Ambassador
- SPARC
- *The Leader*: Co-editor of Orientation 2002 Issue
- Saxophone Quartet

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"Do what you love...the rest comes."

Inspiration:

- The feeling of accomplishment.
- Being able to reflect back on what I've done and feel happy about it.
- Having the opportunity to influence people in a positive way.

Role Model/Influential Person:

Parents: They are successful; they have raised 5 children and put us all through college, which must be financially hard for them.

Anyone who does things better than I do: It makes me want to strive to be as good as the people that surround me.

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Above:

John works diligently on the computer in the Union Board Office.

Right:

John discusses the details of the Ben Folds Concert with Cari Klein and Charlie Henderson.



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Catalina Jaramillo



Jenny Johnson



Kari Johnson



Robert Jones



Cathleen Kimble



Sabrina Kittilson



Sara Lane



Brian Langeland



Dave Lauko



Amanda Lazzara



Megan Leahy



Brian Loscheider



Melanie Main



Lori Manly-Hart



Melanie McQueen



Nicole Montmarquette



Tarik Muric



Christa Nayder



Katie Noonan



Susanne Nunamaker



Erica Ortiz



Kristin Panzarella



Avani Patel



Vicki Perry



Ian Plummer



Jennifer Podgar



Courtney Reed



Katie Reinecke



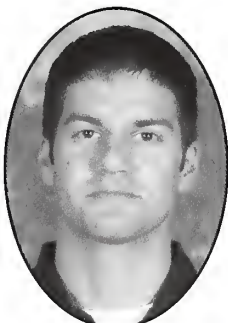
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Jessica Rice



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Andrea Rotella



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David Schmitz



Jenelle Schoenherr



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James E. Smith Jr.

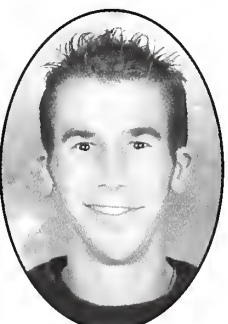


Melissa Smith

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John Sokol



Luis Solares



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Teresa Stock



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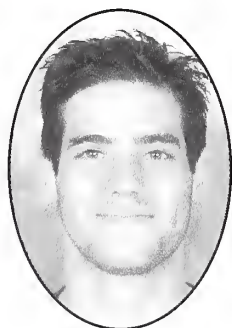
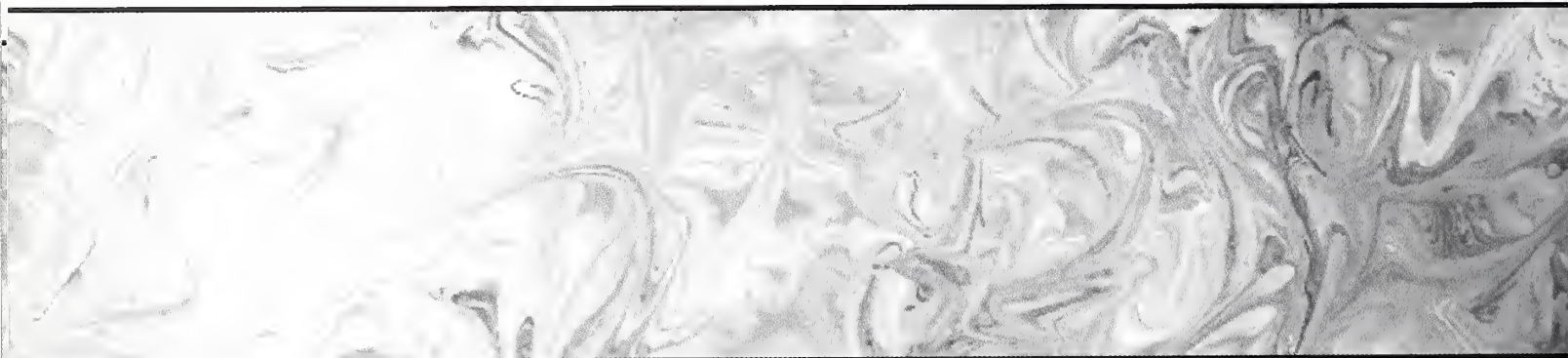


Jennifer Szostak





"Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the



Andrew Thompson



Katie Thompson



Nicole Trenkamp



Jennifer Tucker



Nick Vandenberg



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Julie Ann Villalba



Stacy Vining



Phoebe Wainwright



Luke Walker



right use of strength." - Henry Ward Beecher



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Jen Weller



Tony White



Megan Wynn



Apryl Zeigler



Luis Abuelo



Mark Muskgrave



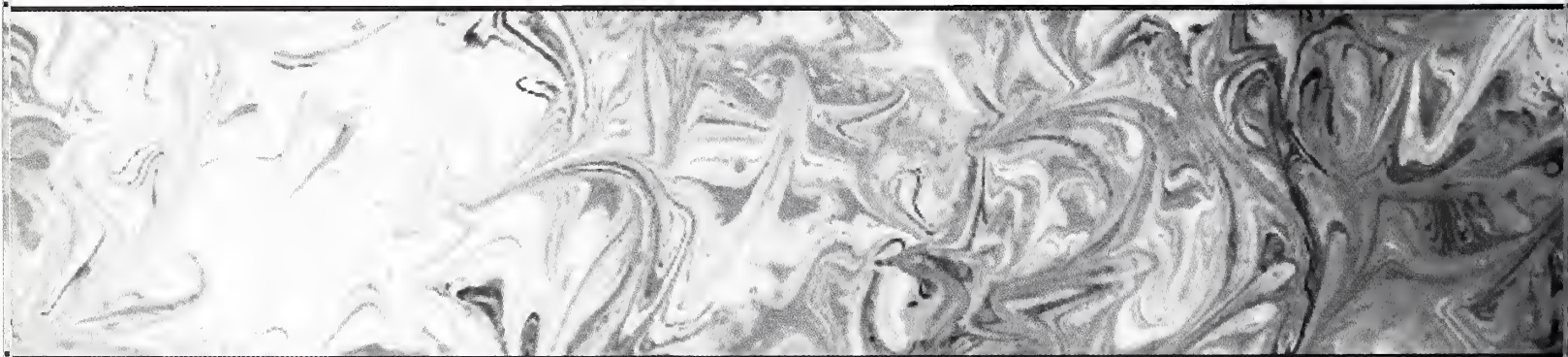
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GRADUATE STUDENTS





"To dream too much of the person you would like"



Ruth Aydt



Katie Bequette



Susan Berry



Brandon Brummett



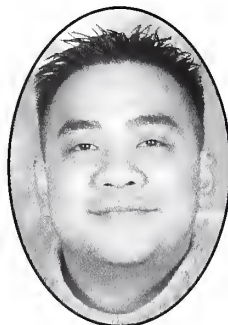
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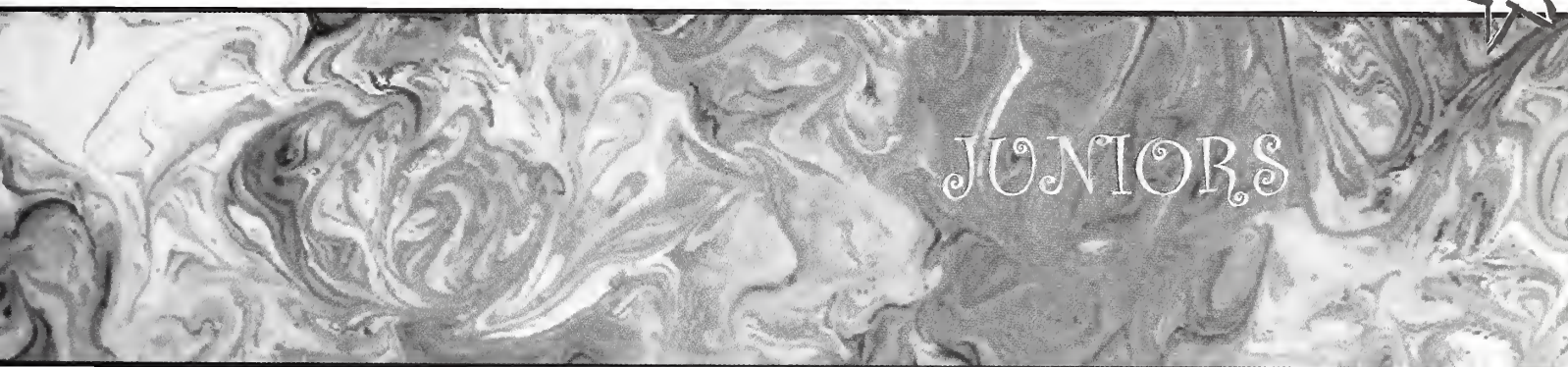
Marcin Czaicki



Krista Darschewski



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Diane Dattadeen



Chris Dembosz



Tom Dufore



Taj English



Nicole Failla



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Donald Fitch



Jensine Fitzgibbons



Wendy Florence

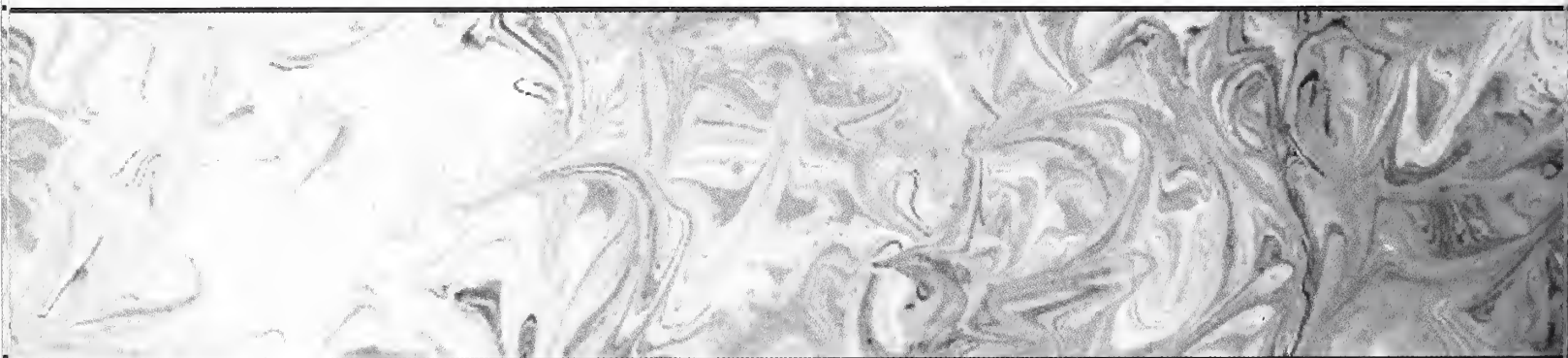


John Fluker





"Optimism is essential to achievement and is also the foundation



Julia Francis



Paul French



Gina Gallagher



Jessica Gardiner



Farrah Ghiasuddin



Mary Goetz



Kristine Goebbert



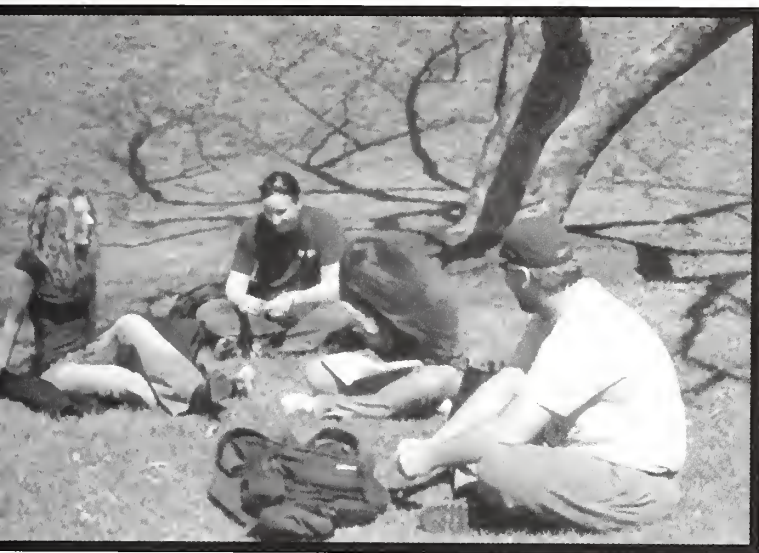
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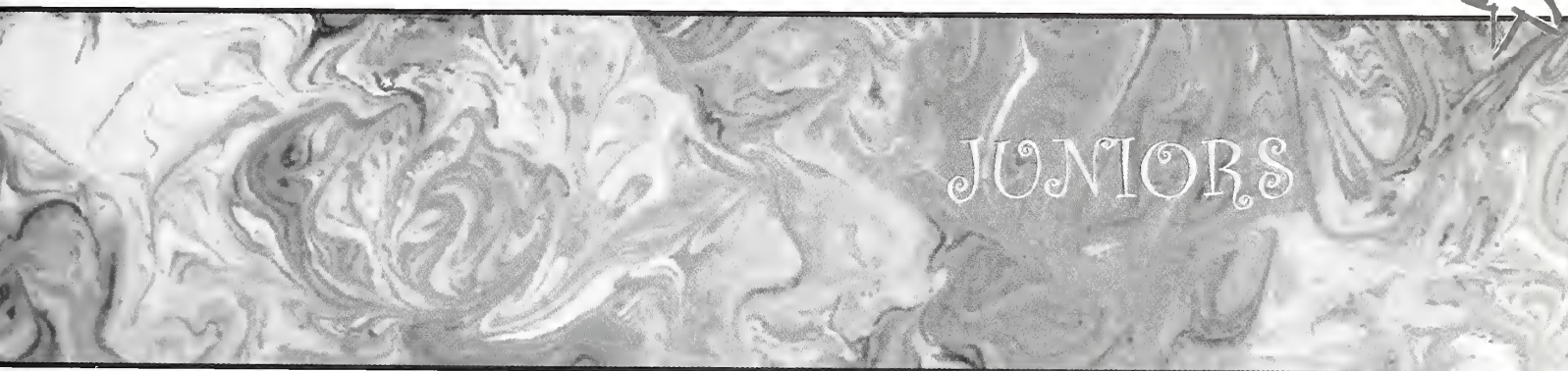
Marie Gwin



Lisa Hanley



of courage and of true progress." - Nicholas Murray Butler



John Hartmann



Kelly Healy



Lynn Herrmann



Bob Holda



Kevin Jacobs



Jamie Johnson



Julie Kania



Tiffany Kemp



Sarah Kiefer



Jenny Kissane





ANDREA YARBROUGH

Age: 20

Major/Minor: Finance Major

Hometown: Westchester, IL

Involvements:

- Cheerleading: Team Captain
- Student Ambassador
- Walk for Hope: Team Captain
- Union Board
- Commuter Crew
- Orientation Student Leader for Fall 2003

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"I choose to be happy."

Inspiration:

Wanting to do something well and being successful at it.

Role Model/Influential Person:

Mother: I want to be like her because she works hard and hopes to be a great of a mother as her mom was.

Aunt: She died of cancer 4 years ago, and maintained a positive attitude through her struggle. She said that everything happens for a reason and you can't be angry.



Above: Andrea practices some cheerleading moves at home on her trampoline.

Left: Andrea has a discussion with some friends in the comfy chairs.



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ROBERT GALARZA



Age: 20

Major/Minor: Spanish/Secondary Education and Theology

Hometown: Melrose Park, IL

Involvements:

- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Bible Studies

Favorite Quote/Motto:

Romans 8:35-39

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, 'For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

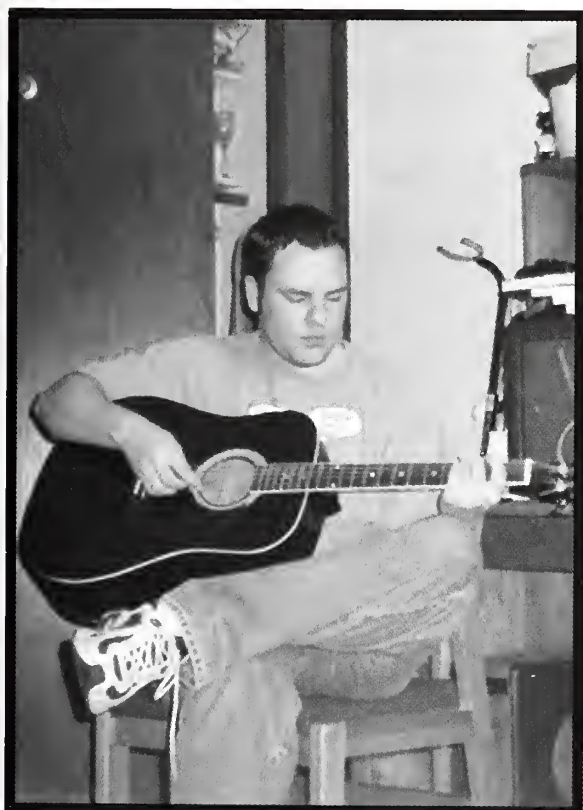
Inspiration:

Seeing and hearing about men and women around the world living out their faith in Christ, even when facing death; not for their glory, but for His.

Role Model/Influential Person:

The Apostle Paul: his faithfulness to God in bringing the Gospel to so many hostile environments, and for trusting God enough to never doubt His plan for him.

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Above:

Sitting in his dorm room, Rob plays his guitar and sings.

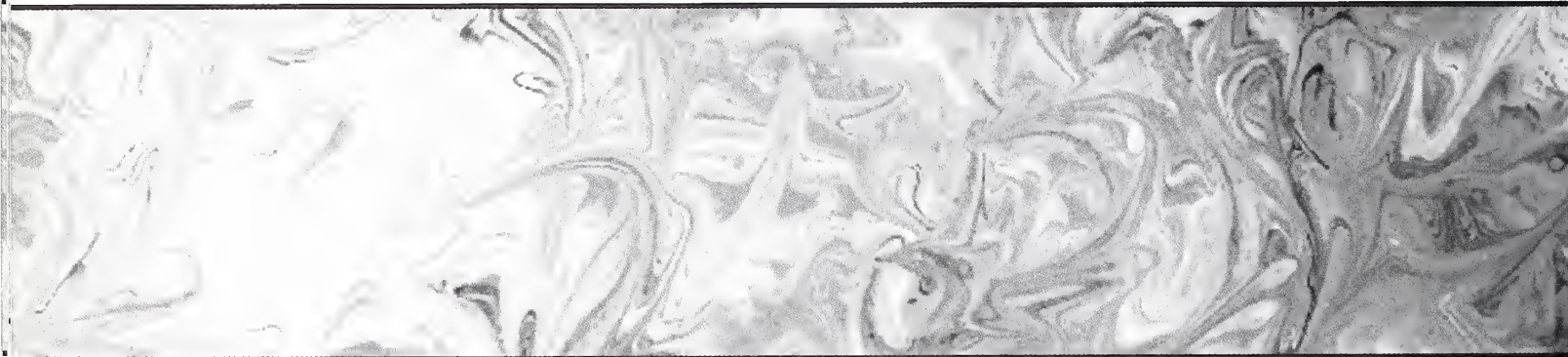
Right:

Rob discusses the bible with a friend in the Founder's Lounge.





"The best way out of a difficult



Ed Kloubec



Kristy R. Langstraat



Jeffery Ryan Leist



Cynthia Littlejohn



Liz Llewellyn



Michelle Lynch



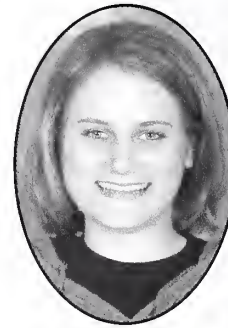
Mauricio Martinez



Adam Moore



Nicki Moore



Nikki Mukosey



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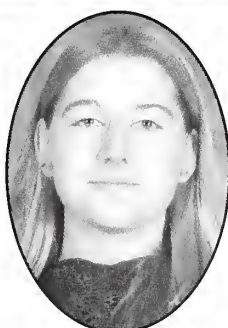
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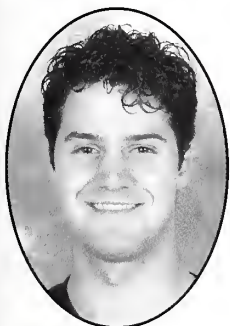
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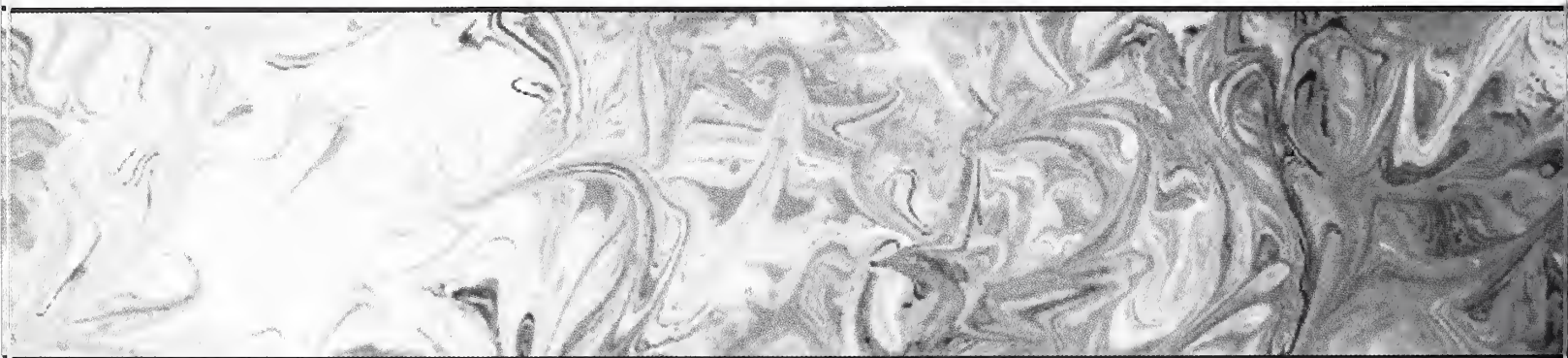


Rita Pietsch-Moore





"The road to success is dotted with man



Stephanie Pike



Karol Prieto



Peter Purin



Jamie Quanty



Juan Quesada



Jennifer Randall



Liz Rateike



Lisa Ruzich



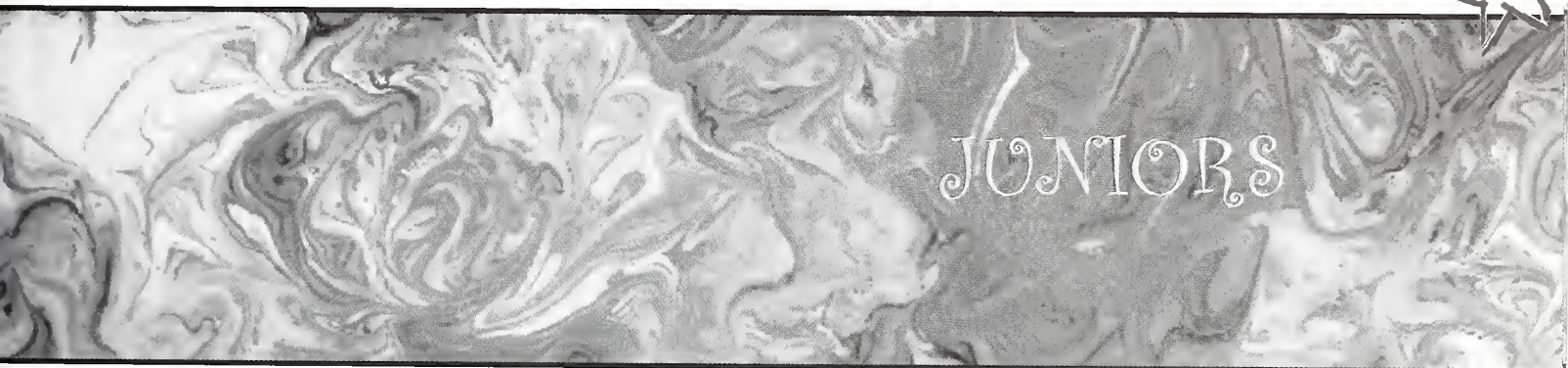
Eva Sanchez



Aaron Sandberg



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Taylor Sandberg



Jeff Sarris



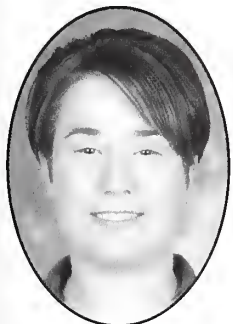
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Kim Schmidt



Sandra Seitman



Nicole Sirtak



Bill Smith



Catherine Smith

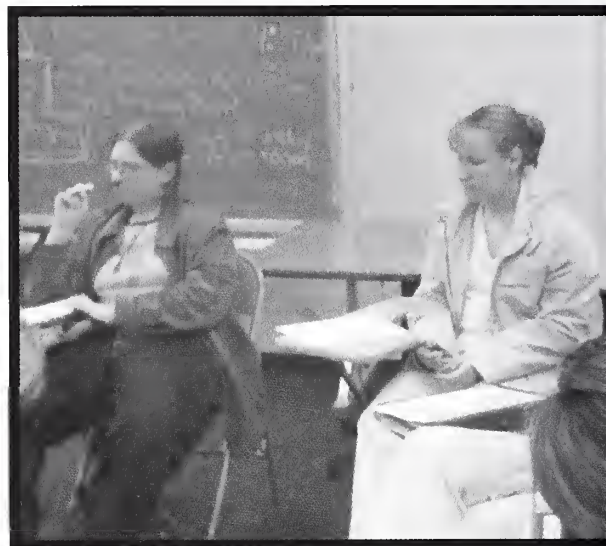


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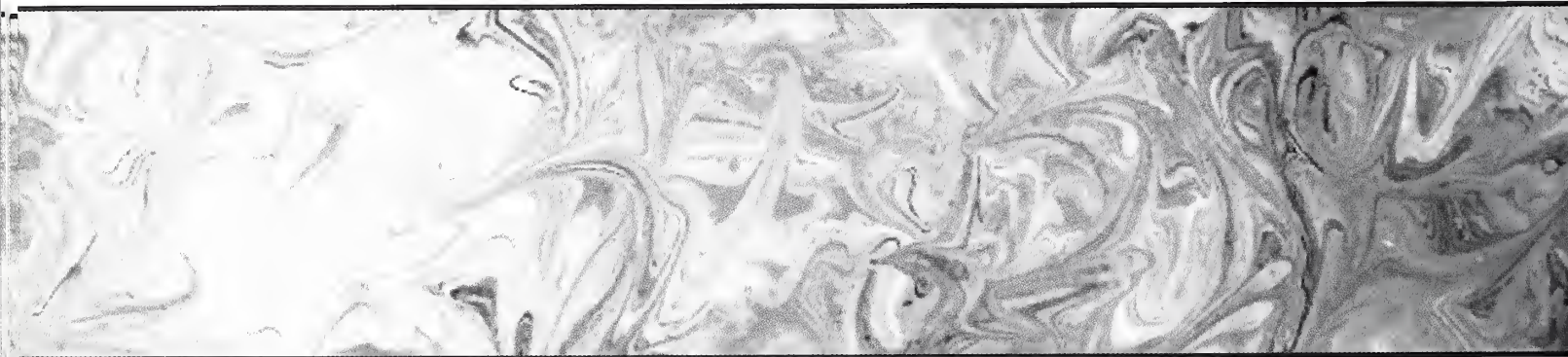


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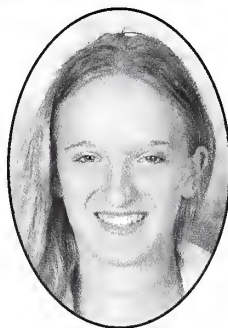
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Laura Sutor



Jennifer Sweeney



Craig Tiede



Kristin Trusco



Russell Weinberg-Kinsey



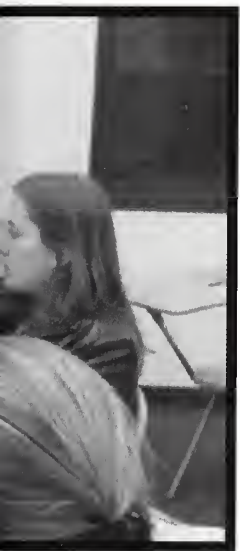
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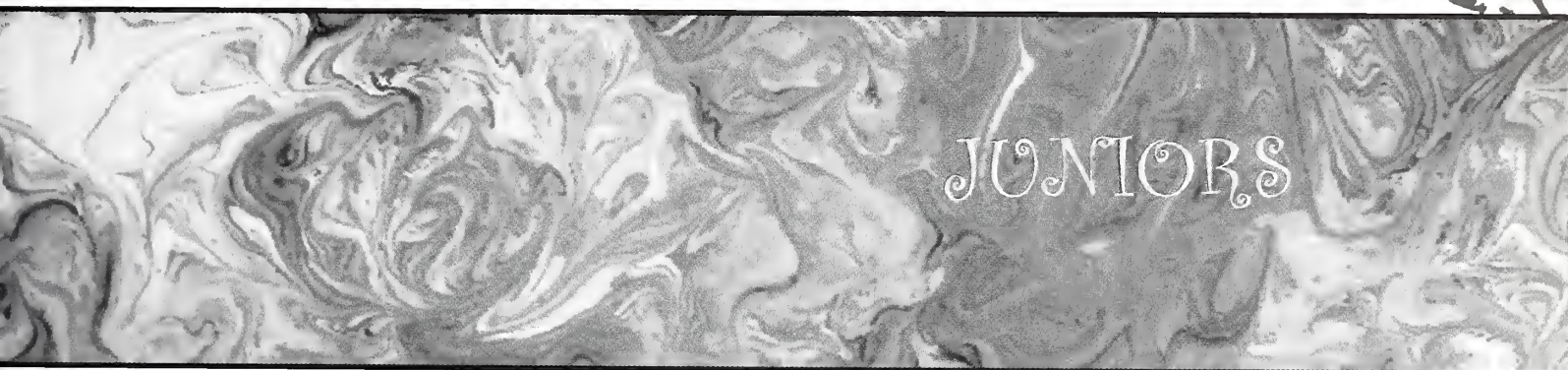
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Courtney Wishon



want time you must make it." - Charles Buxton



Heather Woods



Jeannie Wyse



Andrea Yarbrough



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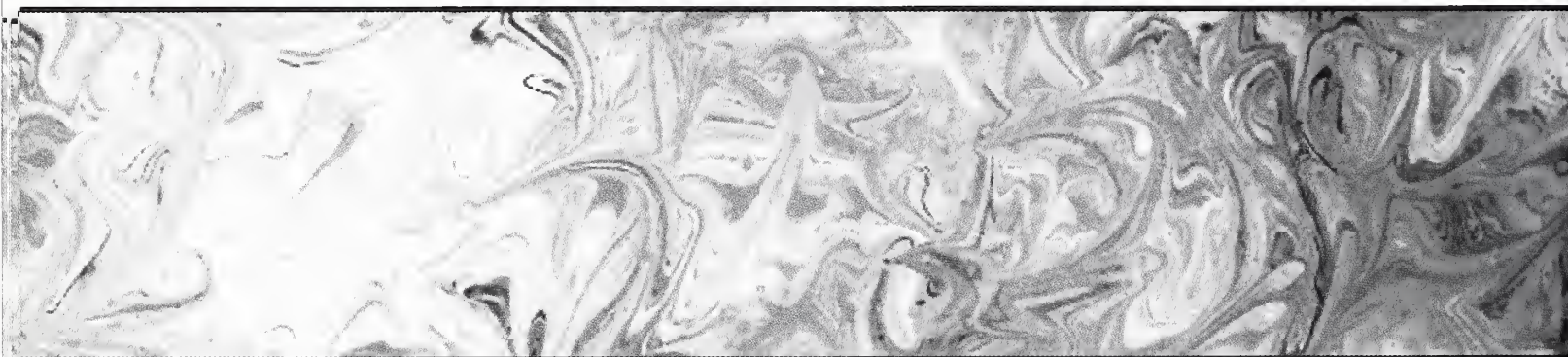
"The only place where success comes before
work is in the dictionary."

- Vidal Sassoon





"Learn to use ten minutes intelligently. It wi



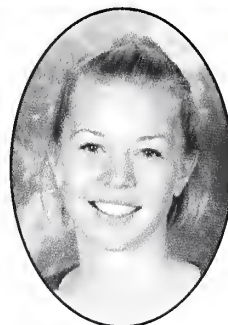
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Amy Anderson



Stephanie Anderson



Christy Asbee



Katie Banik



Amanda Bell



Justin T. Block



Katricia Bowens



Stephanie Bridges



Laurien Brinson



pay you huge dividends." - William A. Irwin



SOPHOMORES



Maureen Collins



Andrew Cook



Natalie Dear



Lisa Denman



Kristina Dimova



Jerry Dombrowski



Erin Drogos



Amanda Easter



Alison Engelsman



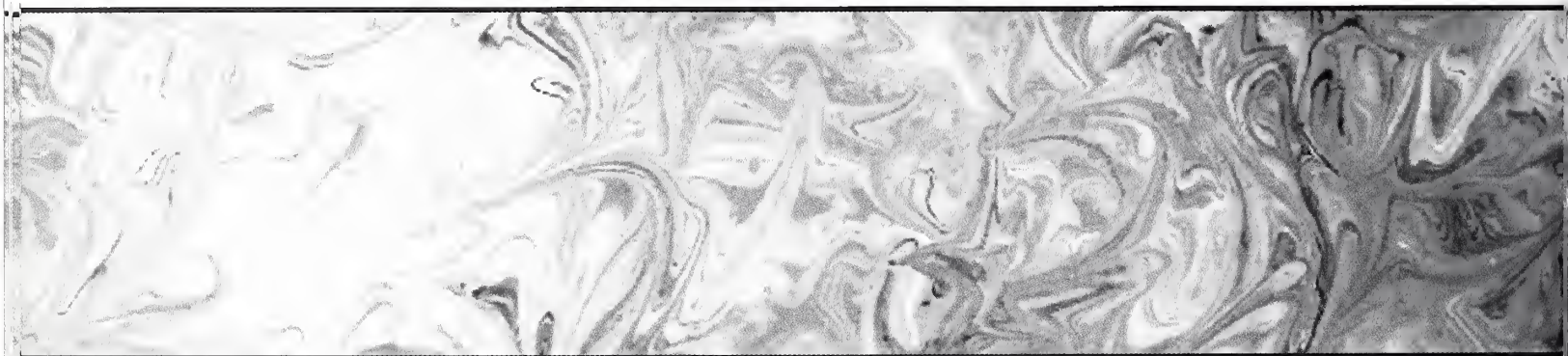
Diane English

Sophomores





Never get so busy making a living that



Katie Gregory



Taunya Guler



Sherry Henderson



Mike Himmes



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Holly Holden



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Emily Intrain



Kalina Ivanova



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You forget to make a life. - Unknown



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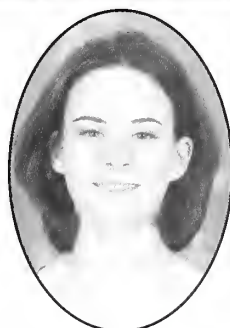
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Lisa Kurth



Karie Mather



Ryan McGregor



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Sarah Nielsen

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FRANCESCA MIROBALLI

Age: 19

Major/Minor: French Professional Communications

Hometown: Palos Park, IL

Involvements:

- Alpha Phi
- Public Relations office
- Walk for Hope: steering committee
- Co-chair Path for Hope
- International Club

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"Dance like no one is watching, work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt."

Inspiration:

Being and learning in another country. I studied abroad in France and it taught me to be self-reliant.

Role Model/Influential Person:

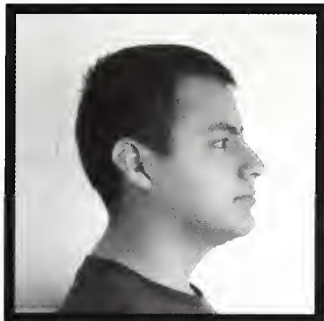
Dad: He is a hard worker and has unselfish motives. He never lets anyone's comments stop him from his dreams.



Above and Left:

Francesca hangs out (above) and participates in (left) an International Club meeting.

HUGO GOROSTIETA



Age: 19

Major/Minor: Spanish and Urban Studies Majors/Political Studies Minor

Hometown: Bensenville, IL

Involvements:

- Hablamos: VP (Fall 2002)
- Helps out at Bensenville Community Public Library
- Helps out at St. Alexis Church

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"SMILE!"

Inspiration:

The idea of being able to become what I want to be inspires me to do what I want to do.

Role Model/Influential Person:

Family: They are the one group that has always motivated, inspired and influenced me in what I do. Be it in school or outside of school, their influence has always been strong. They have motivated me to continue on with college. Being the first generation of my family to go to college has brought excitement and honor to my family.

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Above:

Hugo and a friend help each other study.

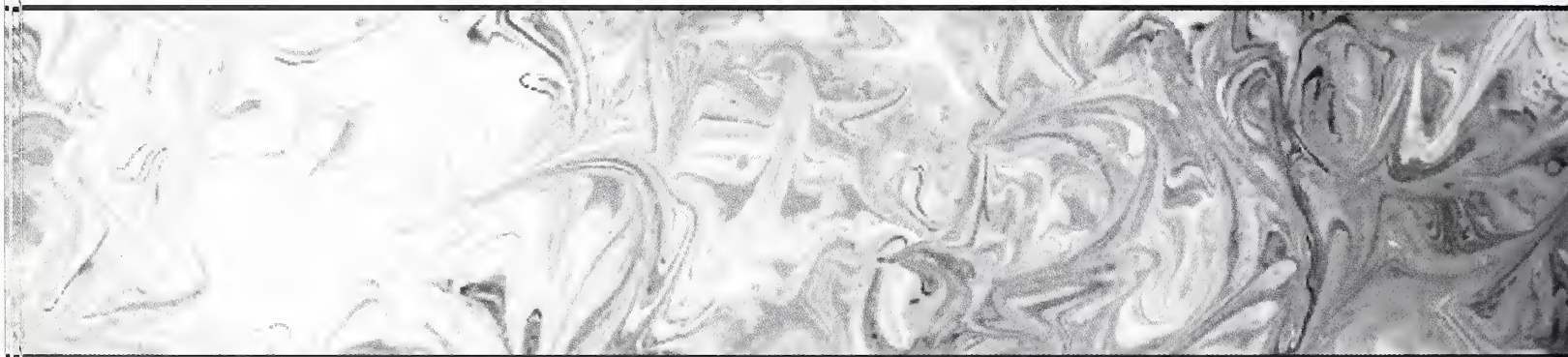
Right:

After class, Hugo hangs out with a few friends in the Computer Science building.





"If you always do what interests you, at least



Leanne Pavel



Steven Piatek



Mary Rodriguez



Ryan Schaefer



Kristen Schaffer



Erica Schewe



Maritza Sepulveda



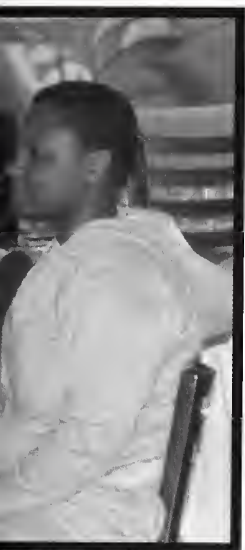
Stephanie Smith



Tara Sostak



Courtney Stevens



one person is pleased." - Katharine Hepburn



Trina Sulita



Scott Tharp



Christi Thigpen



Catherine VanHorne



Veronica Vazquez



Ronald Wagner II



Matthew Weis



Bridget Willis



Chris Woods



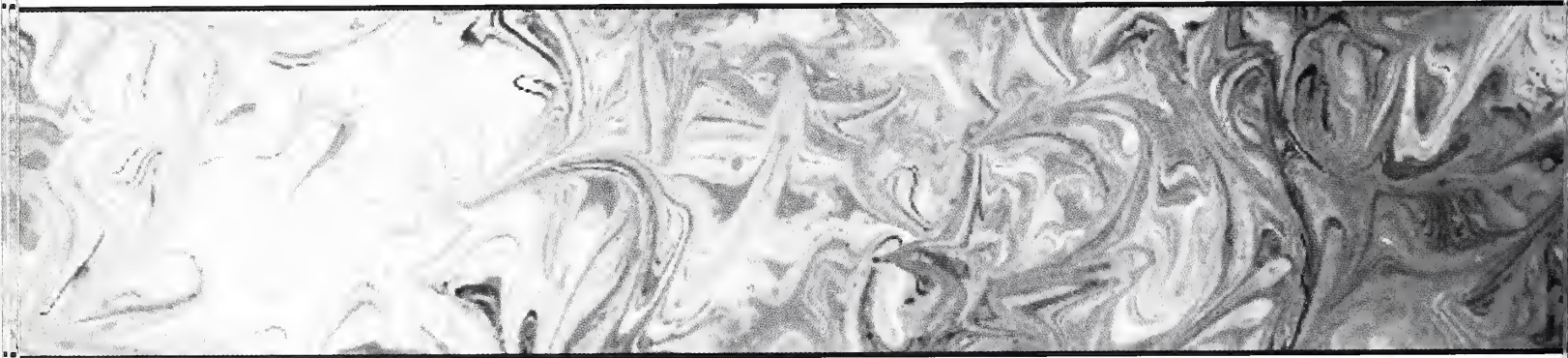
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"Great works are performed not by strength



Katie Ackerman



Anthony Aguilar



Christina Aiello



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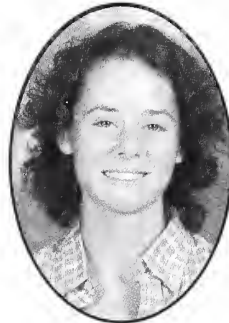
George Andrikokus



Nick Anton



Lauren Ashley



Katherine Baker



Danielle Banks



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but by perseverance." - Samuel Johnson



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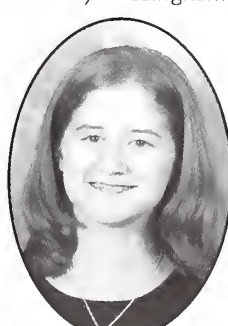
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Elizabeth Brown



Howard Brown



Lori Bucholz

Freshmen



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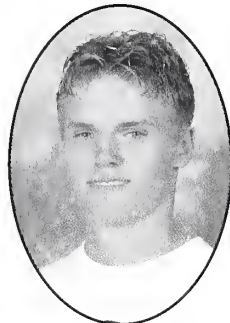
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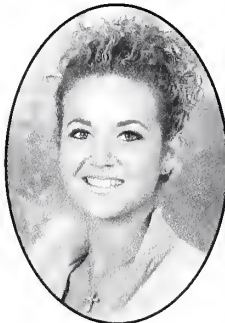
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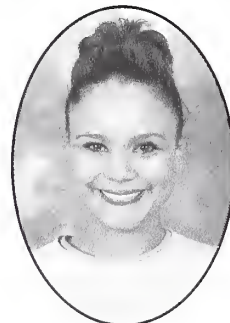
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Peter DiLillo



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Beth Duszynski



Valerie Esrig



Lisa Fagiano



Mary Fahy



Brian Fecske



Toni Fedor



Gina Ferguson



Kimberly Fleming



Ashley Floyd



Jennifer Franson



Heidi Garbe



Anthony Garcia

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Timothy Gavin



Vanessa Gentile



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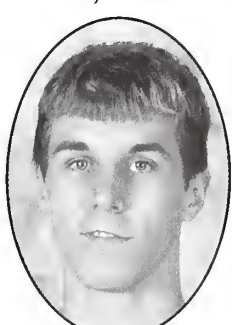
Allison Greene



Sarah Grindstaff



Matt Hahn



Justin Harman





ANNIE MARCELL

Age: 18

Major/Minor: Undecided

Hometown: Melrose Park, IL

Involvements:

- Union Board: Homecoming chair
- Sigma Kappa
- Walk for Hope Committee
- Swimming
- Mill Theatre: Cinderella

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"Don't measure your life by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away." - Unknown

Inspiration:

I want to be the best that I can be in everything that I do.

Role Model/Influential Person:

Older Sister Sara: I look up to her. She is a great person and I want to be like her. Sara had heart surgery and recovered quickly and got right back into things. She had something as big as that and still got right back into activities.



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Above:

Annie studies in the Founders Lounge.

Left:

By the fireplace. in the Frick Center, Annie hangs out with a few friends.



DAIN JOSEPH GOTTO



Age: 19

Major/Minor: History/Secondary Education Major, Spanish minor

Hometown: Peosta, Iowa

Involvements:

- Union Board: Secretary
- Niebuhr Hall Council: Secretary
- Concert Choir

Favorite Quote/Motto:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Inspiration:

The desire to do the best I can in everything I am involved in.

Role Model/Influential Person:

High School Student Council Advisor: He worked hard everyday to help me become a leader and a better person.

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Above:

Mmm, this tastes good. Dain adjudicates the Mock-Tails competition, sponsored by Union Board.

Right:

Dain works busily on the computer in the Union Board office.



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Rachel Hartman



Maggie Hartung



Darcy Hatzold



Elizabeth Hay



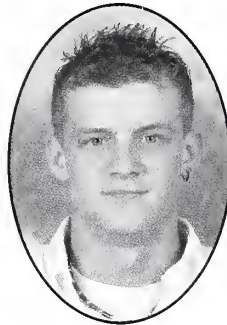
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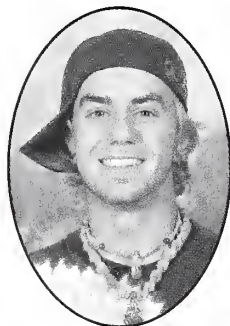
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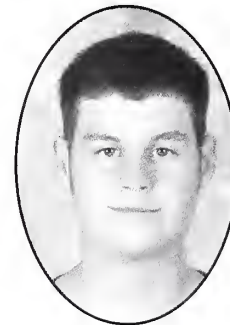
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Courtney Kistenfeger



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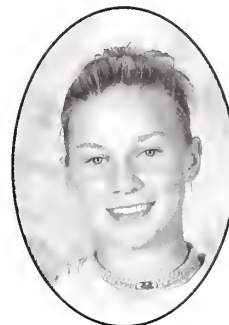
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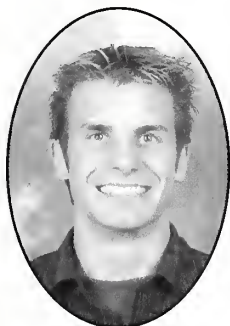
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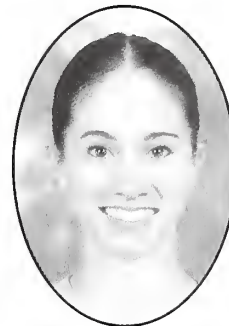
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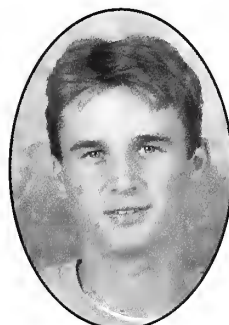
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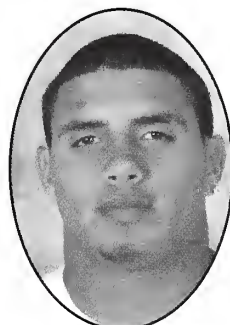
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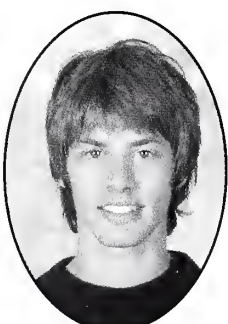
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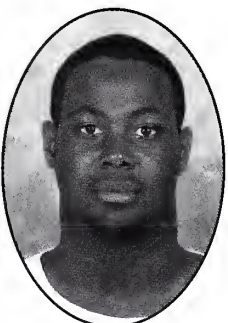
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Angela Phillips



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Melissa Potrawski



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Denny Rahtz



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Holly Riegel



Elizabeth Roby



Beth Rogers



Richard Rohatsch



Meghan Romba



Sara Roettele



Sarah Rouleau



Joshua Rupprecht



Rochelle Ruzicka



Tom Ryan



Emad Saghir



Katrina Saunders



Holly Schlechter



Mike Schmidtke



Geri Schock

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Megan Scianna



Jenna Selvick



Jessica Shapiro



Jeremy Sidabras



Jessica Siddons



Rick Siegfried



Christine Sigalos



Whitney Smith



Emily Stanko



Ashley Stein



Giana Storck



Samantha Strahs



Matt Swade



Eileen Sweezy



Katie Symmonds



Kelly Szajda



Katherine Szymaniak



Kevin Thompson



April Tidwell



Mark Tillberg



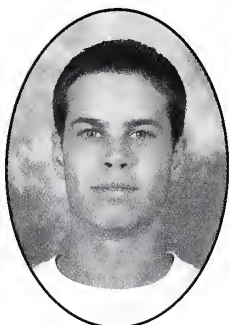
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Brian Toms



Craig Trenkamp



Stephanie Turrell



Anthony Uroni



Claudia Vladez



Justus Vanderwalt



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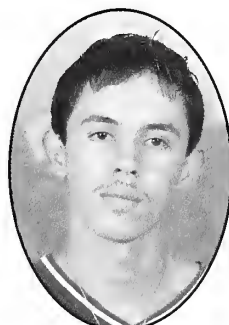
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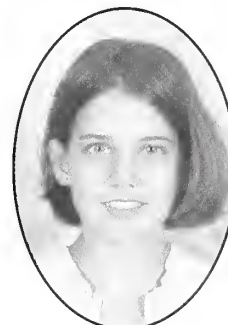
Dan Wilson



Sarah Winter



Jenny Winters



Rebecca Wisen



Lisa Wruck

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"No one is perfect... that's why
pencils have erasers."

-Anonymous



RESIDENTS

Home is where the heart is. To many students, home is Elmhurst College. Over 700 students reside in Elmhurst's five resident halls and apartments throughout the academic year. For the first time ever, Elmhurst students were given the option of residing in an off campus apartment building, Elm Terrace, just a mile from campus. Many students took advantage of this new option. It offered more independent living and a great deal more space. However, with the increased demand for on campus housing, the five dorms were not left empty.

Schick, Dinkmeyer, Stanger, Neibuhr and North Hall are still the places that many students call home. These dorms provide a community for students to live among their peers. Prospect apartments are a happy medium for students looking for independent living on campus. Although there is a RA at these apartments, students have major commodities that apartment living offers. Whether it be in the dorms or in an apartment, many students choose to reside on campus during their college experience.

Staff Writer - Michelle Lynch

Residents

Right: The new Elmhurst Terrace apartments were home to E.C. students for the first time this year.



COMMUTERS



Every morning, empty parking lots seem to fill to capacity within minutes as classes begin. A majority of Elmhurst's students are commuters, which tends to make finding a close parking space a stroke of pure luck at times. Although they choose to live off campus, many commuters find themselves quite at home around the campus and can often be found lounging by the fireplace between classes or catching some study time in the library or computer labs.

In order to assist the first year commuters during their first several days, some returning students formed a new group called the Commuter Crew. These students worked with orientation student leaders to provide a special orientation meeting for the new commuters during their first day on campus. This program addressed some of the challenges that commuters face, and included a question and answer session with the Commuter Crew members, who gladly shared some words of wisdom with the new students.

Staff Writer - Amy Goodwin

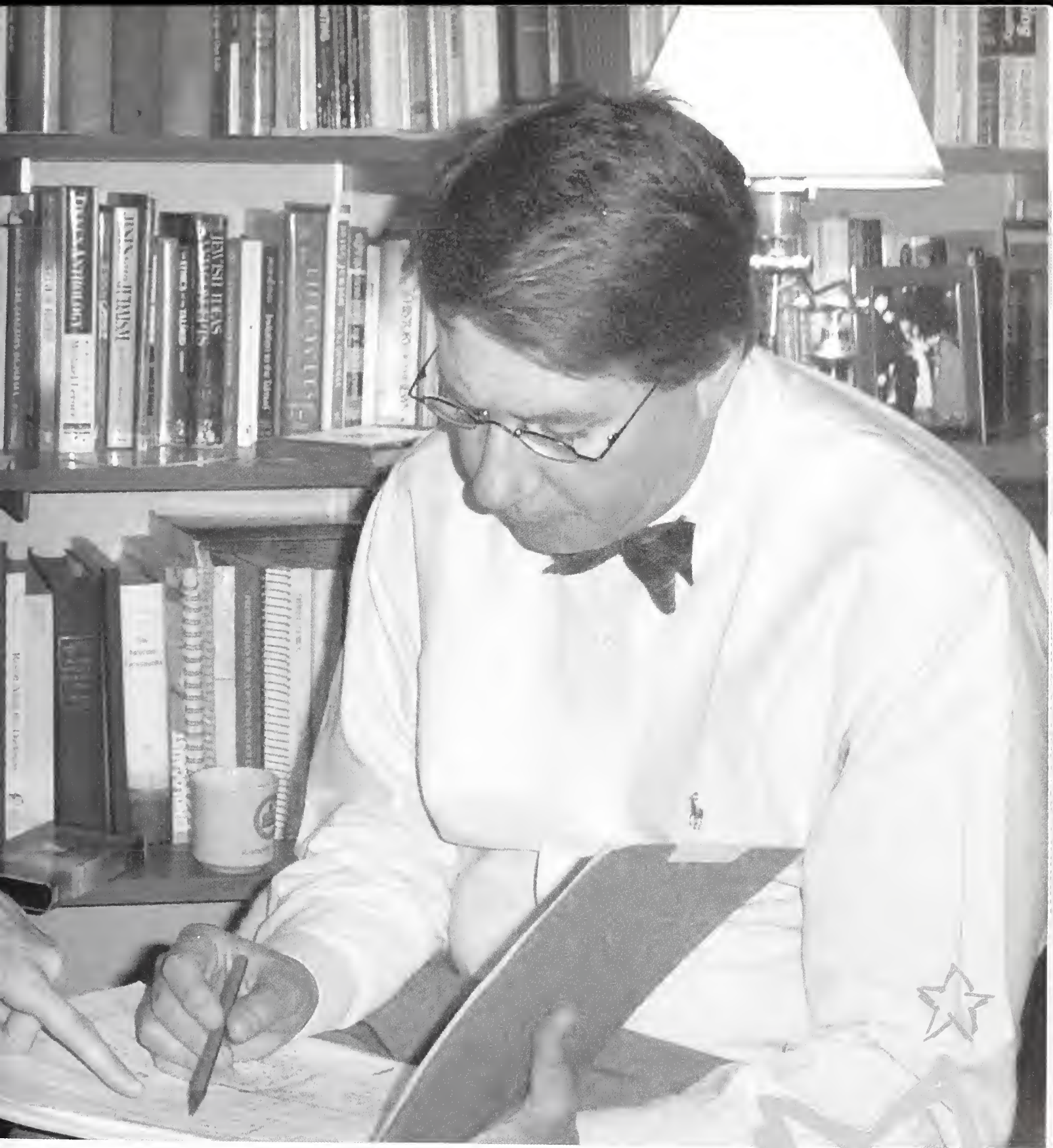
Commuters



Left: Lynn Herrmann and Julia Kim get to know some of the new commuter students during orientation week.

Below: Finding a parking space in the Science Center lot is an impossible task during popular class times.





eat for a lifetime."

~ Chinese Proverb



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Above:
Samantha Egbert demonstrates good lab technique to a student visitor.

Above Right:
Jessica DeVito makes a rainbow in a graduated cylinder.

Right:
Meghan Rhomba helps young visitors with their experiments.





*"We like to study things
that blow up and have
fun doing it."*

Chemistry Chemistry Chemistry

The chemistry department at Elmhurst College seeks to prepare students for a variety of different professional careers, ranging from health to education to industry. There are four full time faculty members in the department and several adjunct instructors for evening courses.

One change to the chemistry department this year was the cancellation of the evening program due to lack of enrollment. Though select courses will continue to be offered in the evening, the ability to complete the coursework required for a degree in chemistry will not be possible.

Chemistry students have a number of opportunities to do research work with professors. Dr. Michelle Applebee, an analytical chemist by trade, has employed the assistance of senior chemistry majors to assist in her work in electrochemistry.

Many chemistry students are also members of the Student Affiliate of the American Chemical society. This year, students had the opportunity to attend the ACS national conference in New Orleans. They also put on an all-ages chemistry demonstration show for Elmhurst College and the local community.

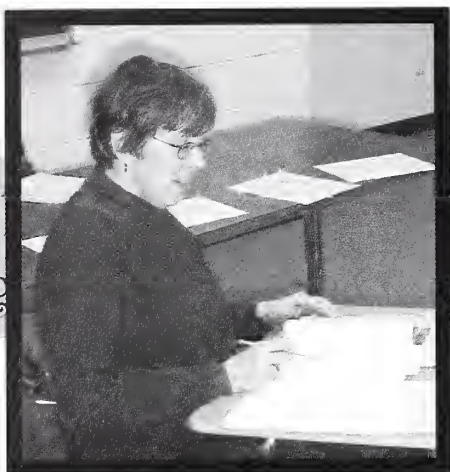
Staff Writer - Jim Graziano



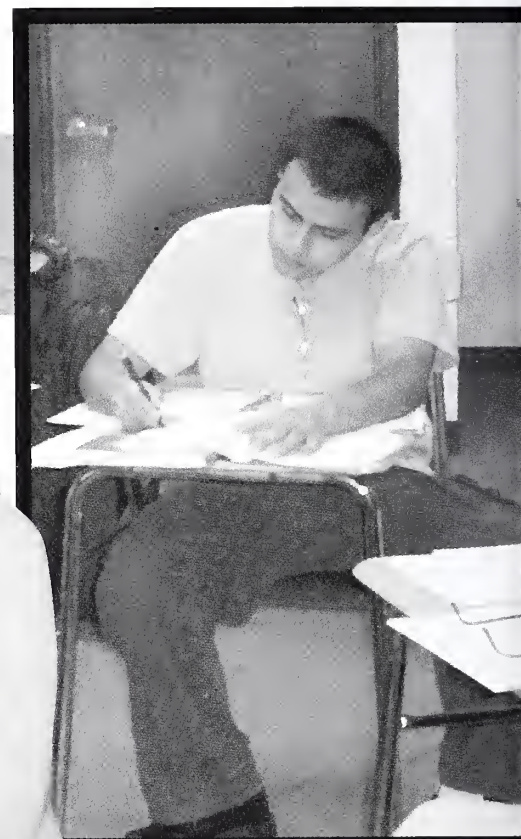
Top: Erin Schultz crushes a can with her bare hands.

Left: Annie Marcell and a visitor to Elmhurst College watch a reaction happen.





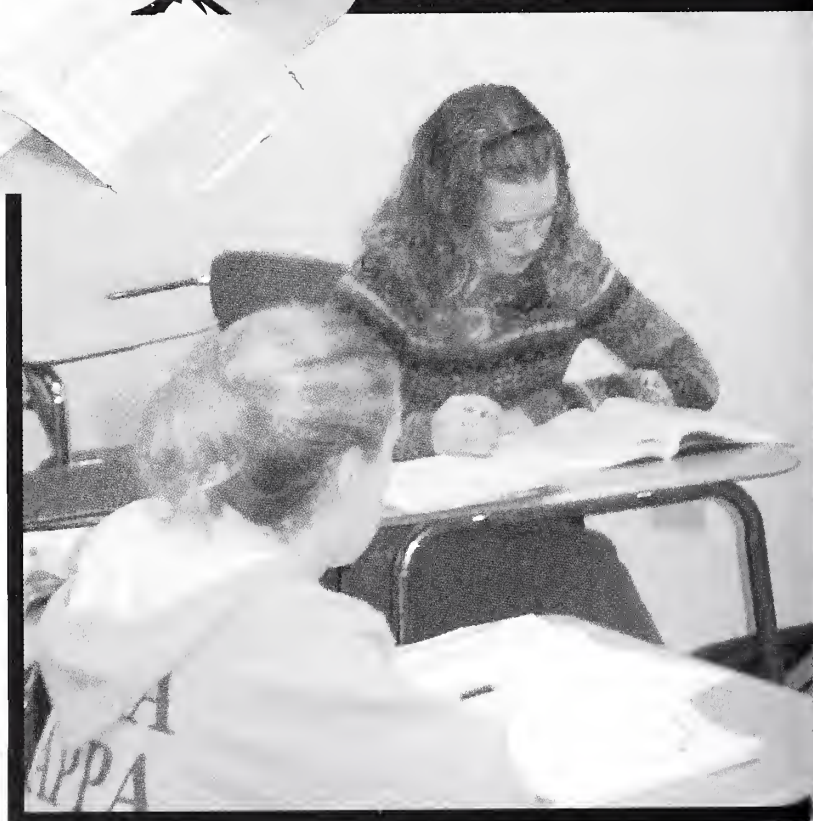
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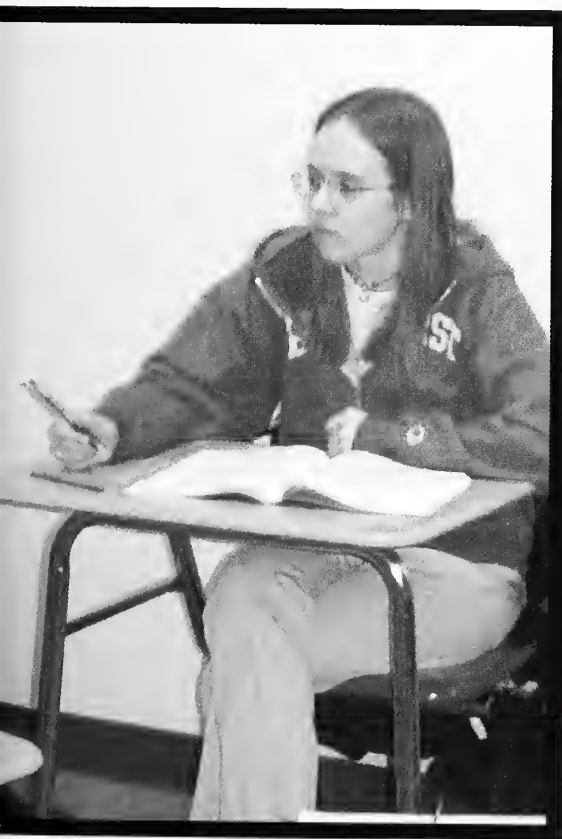
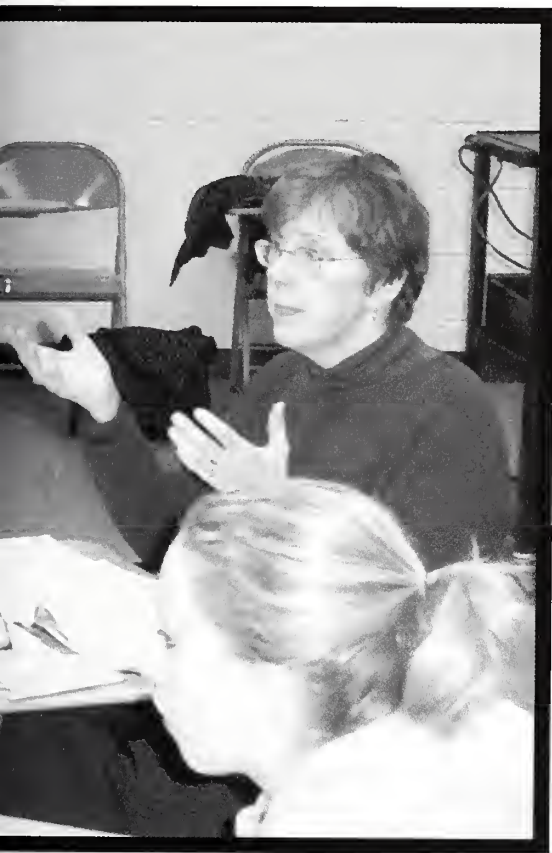


Top right:
Professor Denise Thompson leads
her Business Spanish class in a
discussion.

Above:
Darlene Florence looks over her
German homework.

Right:
Jenelle Schoenherr, Janelle Kostich,
and Amy Goodwin compare notes
from their homework.





"Language exerts hidden power, like a moon on the tides." -Rita Mae Brown, American Social Activist

Language Foreign Language Foreign Language Foreign Language

Working to help students communicate in ways beyond their own language, the Elmhurst College foreign language department prepares to students to carry on a variety of careers, ranging from education to international law. Foreign language students are encouraged to take advantage of travel abroad programs in a number of different countries.

The Foreign Language department regularly offers classes in French, Spanish and German, with Italian classes available with sufficient interest. These courses are offered in addition to classes taught in English in the areas of literature, the Holocaust and the origins of language.

Elmhurst College also is home to a chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, the foreign language honor society. This and other language organizations on campus allow for interaction between students that have varying degrees of experience in a given language.

"The ability to speak a language other than English is very beneficial in the increasingly diverse global community," said senior Jim Graziano, who is pursuing a minor in French. "My studies in French have helped me to communicate with many different people both here in the US and in my travels abroad."

Staff Writer - Jaime Quanty



Left:
Professor Christine Summers teaches her students the nuances of German grammar.



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Above:
Jocelyn Meyer gives her
thumbs up to local Earth
Day activities.

Right:
Student volunteers help
set up a table for Earth
Day for the Geographical
Society.





*"Geography is
where it's at."*

Geography Geography Geography Geography Geography Geography

Dr. Kenneth Brehob says it is important to study geography for several reasons. Students will learn to evaluate information based on training and making logical decisions and to evaluate the validity of technology. Students also will gain an understanding of globalization and the impact it has on their world, community, and themselves. The development of analytical and technical skills enables geography students to succeed in school and to pursue a career in the geography field.

Elmhurst College Geographical Society (ECGS) participates in many activities such as field trips, camping, pizza parties, Christmas parties, and an Earth Day event in April. Elmhurst College is also home to a chapter of the international geography honor society, Gamma Theta Upsilon. These organizations help to provide students with experiences beyond the classroom and the ability to interact with fellow geography students.

According to Dr. Brehob, "Elmhurst College is set apart from other schools by the opportunities for personal contact with professors and the ability to do hands on activities either in labs or field experience."

Staff Writer - Jamie Quanty



Geography Department Year-End Luncheon

Front: Erin McMaster, Lisa Berghuis, Amy Goodwin, Therese Mulryan, Melissa Jennings, Dr. Paul Ries

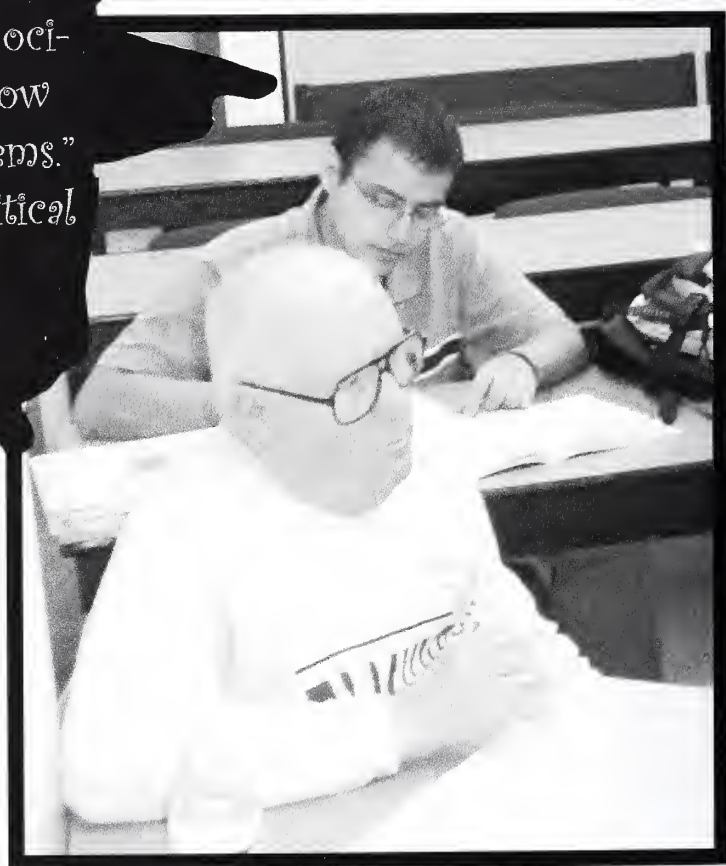
Back: Dr. Ken Brehob, Eric Goudy, Anthony DeMauro, Derek Bonaparte, Nick Beltramelli, Adam Anderson, Dr. Michael Lindberg

Left: Nick Beltramelli works on an assignment in the geography lounge.

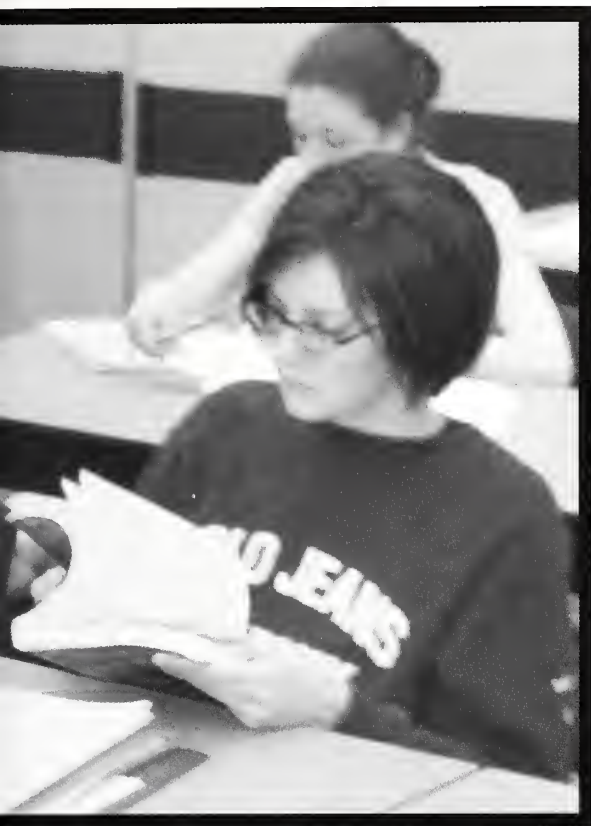
ence Political Science P Poli Politic



Through the study of political science, students discover how governments work, how societies are structured and how laws express political systems.”
~Mission of the Political Science Department



Above:
A student takes notes on the American political system.
Right:
Leonard Rogus ponders American political thought.



"The law must be stable, but it must not stand still." -Roscoe Pound, Dean of Harvard Law School

Science Political Science Poli ce Political Science Political

The study of governmental institutions and communities is the primary objective of the political science department. Preparing students for future work in such fields as law, public administration and education, the department focuses largely on political theory. Combined with a strong influence in historical influences, the contemporary political structures of different regions are compared.

Students of political science, in addition to learning theory, are challenged to think pragmatically and to boost their ability express themselves clearly. "We're problem solvers," junior political science major Stephanie Pike simply put it.

There are also internships available in conjunction with the political science department, including studying for a semester in Washington, D.C. Participants continue their studies at American University while working in the offices of congressional leaders or other governmental agencies. This allows students to first hand see the application of the political theories they have learned in the classroom.

Staff Writer - Jim Graziano

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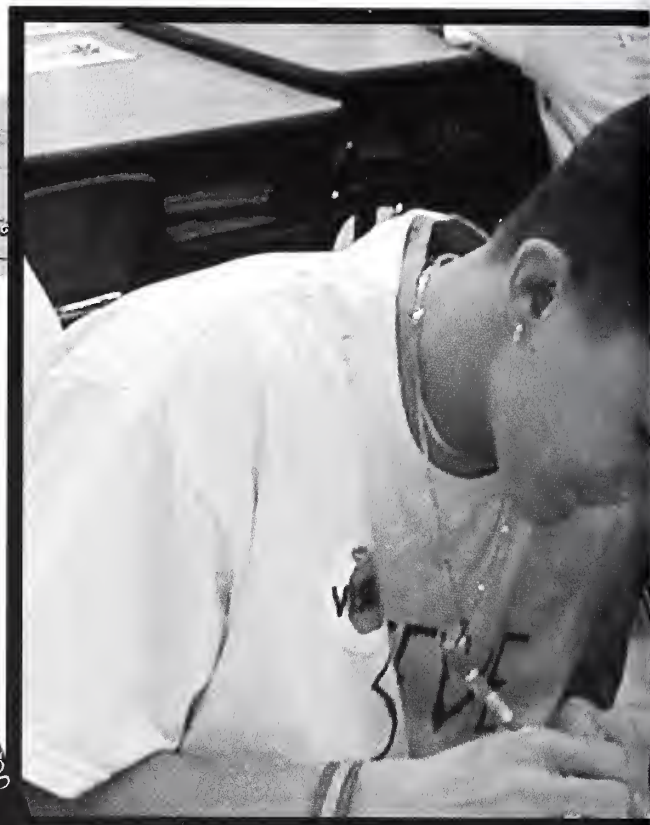
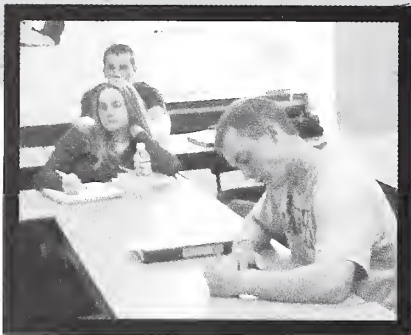
Julia Kim and Stephanie Pike review what they learned last week.

Left:

Professor Jennifer Boyle lectures on American foreign policy.



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"By fostering an understanding of social relationships and their impact on each individual, both individual freedom and responsibility are emphasized as well as the ability to contribute to the welfare of society."

— Mission of the
Sociology Department

Above:

Students take notes in their complex organizations class.

Right:

The Sociology department offers opportunities to help local communities in a variety of social programs.





"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

-President John F Kennedy

Sociology Sociology Sociology Sociology Sociology Sociology Sociology

The desire to study social interactions and behavior is one that attracts students to the sociology department. One of the smaller departments at Elmhurst College, the sociology department encourages a greater appreciation for different cultures and helps students understand the structure of society.

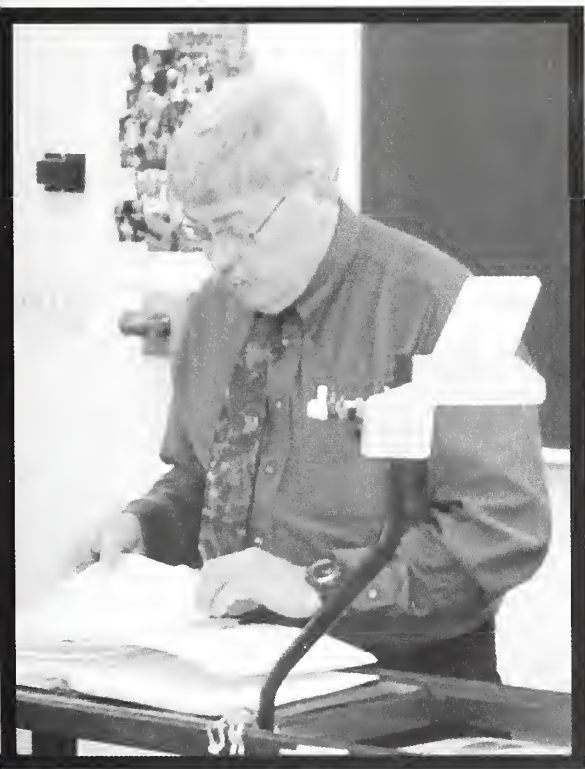
"It makes you think about why the world is the way it is," reflects senior Teresa Stock. Stock herself will further her education through graduate school in social work.

In addition to social work, graduates with a degree in sociology also go on to education or another human services field.

After the completion of the core courses in which students learn the different sociological schools of thought and theories, students go on to complete a research project. The projects vary from issues such as gender or ethnicity and their relationship with things like crime, suicide or religious beliefs.

Many students also participate in service learning projects with Dr. Brenda Forrester. This allows students to apply what they've learned in class and do work for the community.

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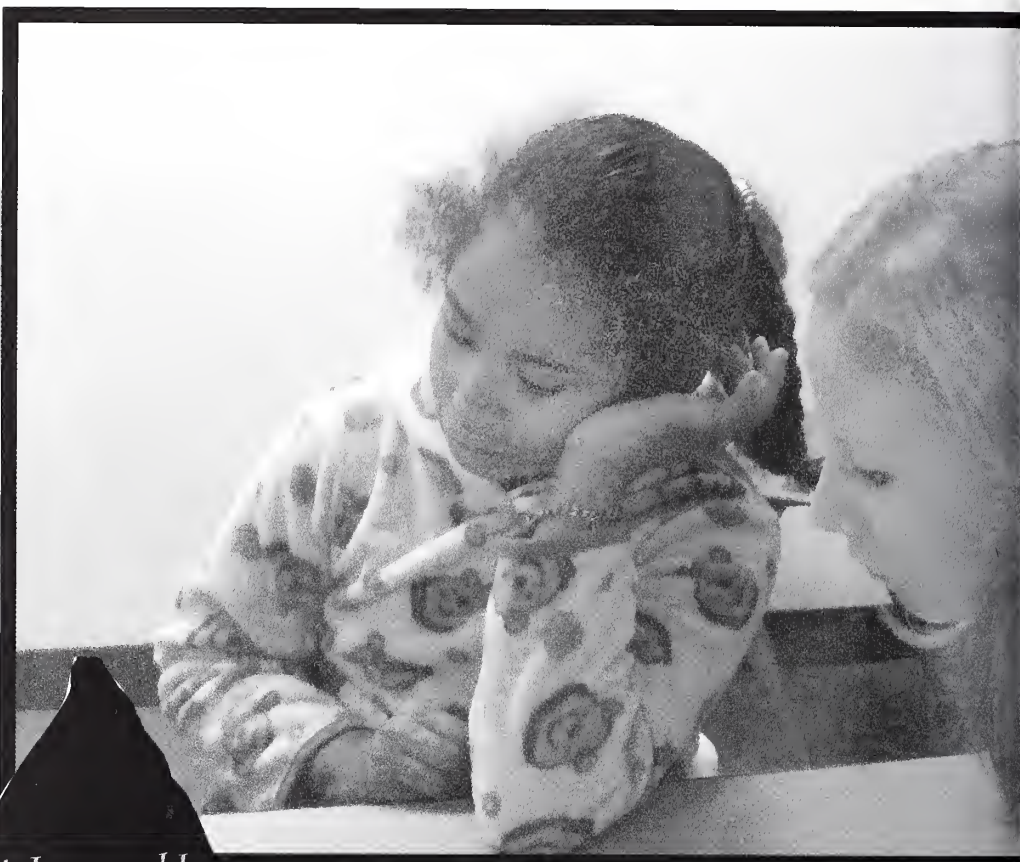
logy Speech-Lang Speech-Language

"I'm really glad that I was able to be involved in such a great program that allowed me to work with wonderful people and to gain the experience that I will need to help people in the future."

Senior Jenelle
Schoenherr

Above:
Jenelle Schoenherr works with
one of her clients.

Right:
Dr. Lisa Trautman from Florida
State University gives a guest
lecture on stuttering.





"Speech is a mirror of the soul: as a man speaks, so is he." -Publilius Syrus, Roman writer

Speech-Language Pathology Speech-Language Pathology Speech-L

The Speech-Language Pathology department at Elmhurst College is one part of the communications department, which also includes, among other things, theatre, professional communication and communication studies. The goal of the Speech-Path department is to aid students in developing the ability to recognize communication disorders and to develop methods of treatment.

Speech-language pathology students have the opportunity to observe sessions with actual clients in the on-campus speech clinic. Students then go on to take on clients of their own in preparation for graduate work.

To become certified to work in this field, students must further their education in a masters' program. Graduates have the opportunity to either work in speech-language pathology or audiology, the latter of which specifically deals with hearing loss.

There is also a chapter of NSSLHA, National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association, on campus, which gives students an opportunity for greater learning about their field and the chance to interact with their colleagues. This year, NSSLHA invited Dr Lisa Trautman from the University of Florida to speak on her area of expertise, stuttering.

Speech pathologists can work in either medical or educational settings with a variety of clients, ranging from individuals with mental challenges to recovering stroke victims to persons seeking to reduce a foreign accent.

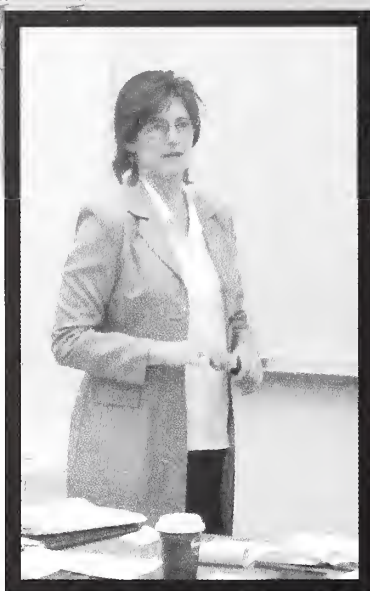
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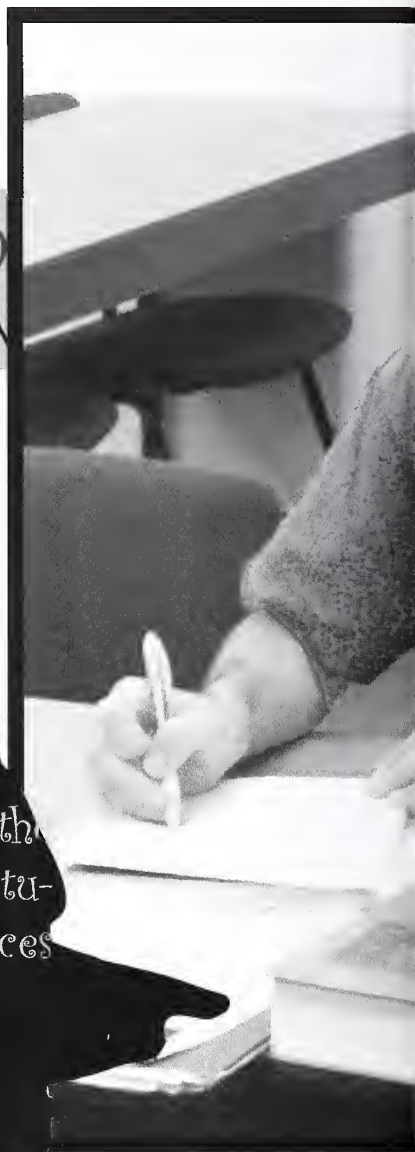
Above:
Speech-path majors listen attentively to a lecture.



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The Faith at Work in the
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dents explore life choices
through the lens of faith"

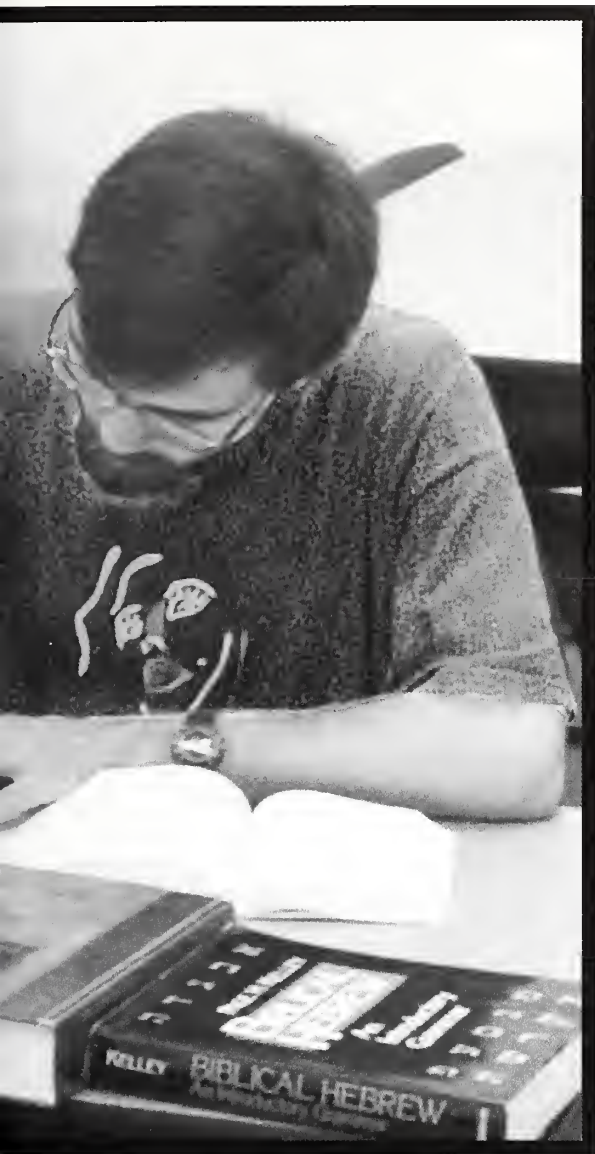
Dr. Michael Bell,
Dean of the Faculty

Above:
Nancy Lee, Assistant Professor of
Theology, is the Director of the
Niebuhr Center.

Above right:
New programs will help individu-
als like Joey Feldmann, who is
pursuing work in ministry.

Right:
Dr. Nancy Lee and Rev. Scott
Matheney discuss new projects
for the Niebuhr Center.





*"Hold faithfulness and sincerity as first principles."
-Confucius*

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The biggest endowment ever granted to Elmhurst College, the Lily Endowment is a \$2 million grant devoted to provide students the opportunity to explore their career choices from a faith perspective.

The Faith at Work in the World program is designed to provide students ways to explore their calling to a service or ministry. The grant proposal process took nearly a year with Dean Michael Bell, Dr. Nancy Lee and Ken Bartels collaborating to compose the winning proposal. "[Grant writing] is truly a glorious intellectual exercise," reflected Bell. Previous experience writing grants for the Lily Foundation helped the team write the final proposal.

The program has led to the creation of the Niebuhr center, under the direction of Dr. Nancy Lee and Julie Kilmer. The Niebuhr Center is designed to help coordinate newly created programs with other departments, including the Chaplain's office, the Center for Professional Excellence, and the library.

New courses will also be offered to students from different departments, including the theology, business and English departments. International experiences are also expected to be offered, included proposed trips to India, Bosnia and Rome. Combined with new lectures, seminars and internship possibilities, the "Faith at Work" project is just beginning to take shape. New programs are predicted to be visible by the fall, though the "ribbon cutting" to the program is not expected until spring 2004.

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Above: New courses will be offered in the coming years in theology, business and education.

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Research



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Above:

A visiting parent admires
student artwork.

Above Right:

A bilingual student recites
a poem in English and
Spanish.

Right:

Researchers share their
results in education
research.





"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life." -Plato

Performance Showcase Research and Performance Showcase Research and Performance

This year's Research and Performance Showcase was the first of its kind in what could become an annual event at Elmhurst College. The project was put together with the help of a number of faculty and staff members, including Dr. Helga Noice from the psychology department, who played a large role in coordinating the event.

The program began with a statement from President Bryant Cureton, who hailed the event as a medium by which students could show their talent in music, science and other fields. Following several musical presentations in Illinois Hall, students gave talks about various subjects in different rooms of the science center. Students were grouped into specific areas of expertise, including microbiology, European expansion and exploration and Iraqi modern history.

Following the individual presentations, there was a showcase in the Founder's Lounge. Students presented their work on poster boards and were able to socialize with fellow students, faculty and staff over cookies and punch.

The research and performance showcase was declared a success and many members of the faculty and staff hope that this was the beginning of a new tradition at the college.

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Top: Sandy Seitman reads a posterboard on sleep apnea.

Left: Jessica DeVito gets ready to discuss her research in surface chemistry.



"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around



Don't turn around and give up.

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~Michael Jordan



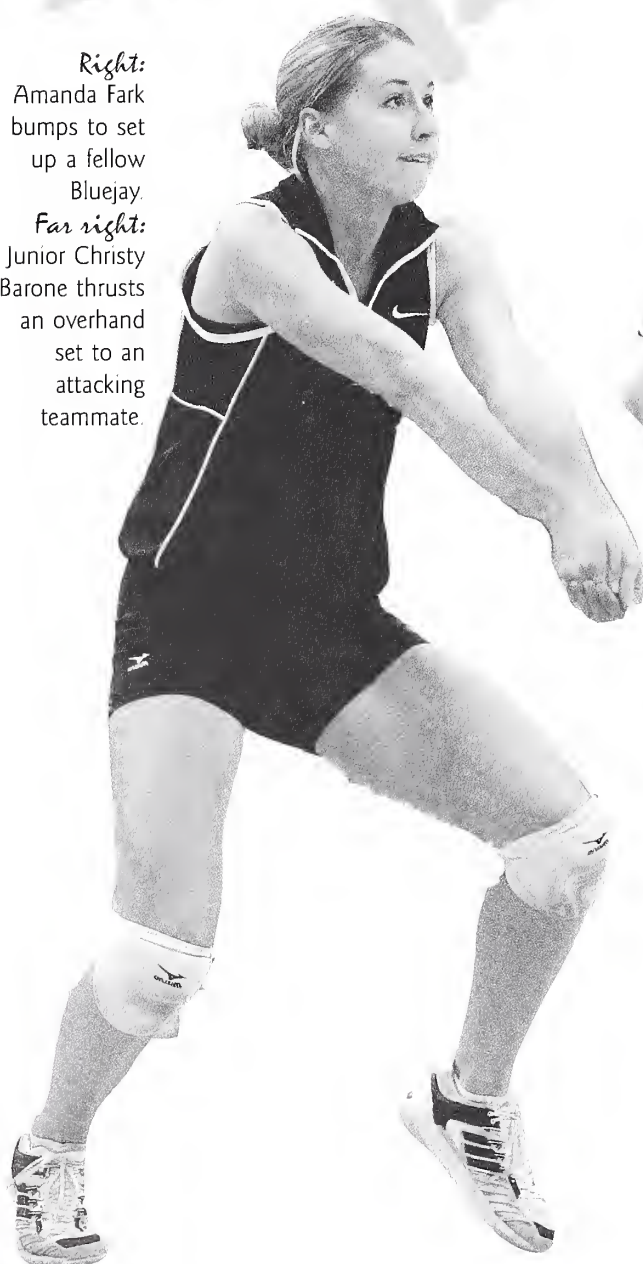
Athletics

"When you're ranked second in the nation, teams are gunning for you and playing some inspired volleyball."

Head Coach ~
Julie Hall

Right:
Amanda Fark
bumps to set
up a fellow
Bluejay.

Far right:
Junior Christy
Barone thrusts
an overhand
set to an
attacking
teammate.



First Row: J. Sutherland, E. Wieck, J. Shapiro, L. Ochenkowski, R. Morrone, B. Pulchinski, K. Kull, C. Barone *Second Row:* M. Bruegge, B. Puccini, L. Mieling, J. Tomasek, K. Darschewski, B. Rogers, N. Carlson, L. Denman, A. Mackinson *Third Row:* Assistant Coach Stacy Clark, Head Coach Julie Hall, K. Cusack, K. Busse, T. Shaeffer, J. Anderson, K. Ackerman, A. Fark, M. Hillard, K. Bequette, K. Wilhoit, M. Goetz, H. Weck, L. Roettel, J. Francis, Assistant Coach Kevin Bazan, Assistant Coach M. Delinck

Below: The volleyball team motivates themselves before a big game.



HONORS

AVCA ALL-AMERICAN
AMANDA FARK

ALL-REGION TEAM
AMANDA FARK
KATIE BEQUETTE

ALL-CCIW TEAM
AMANDA FARK
KATIE BEQUETTE
NICOLE CARLSON
REGINA MORRONE

CCIW PLAYER OF THE YEAR
AMANDA FARK

CCIW FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
NICOLE CARLSON

After winning the CCIW title the last three years, the Lady's Volleyball Team entered the 2002 season as one of the better teams in the nation. Ranked #2 at one point in the nation, the Bluejays crushed anybody who took the court with them, winning the CCIW with a 7-0 record and finishing with a 34-5 mark.

Along the way, Head Coach Julie Hall became the all-time winningest volleyball coach in Elmhurst history. Hall surpassed Bluejay Backer Hall of Fame inductee Bill Walton's mark of 215 career wins.

In their first NCAA Match, the Lady's Volleyball team trailed 2-1 but won games four and five in exciting fashion to advance to the regionals. But the Bluejays outstanding season came to a close as UW-Whitewater took the EC team by 3-0 games.

Post Season Awards were given to the handful of outstanding Bluejay players for their performances this year.

Junior Outside Hitter, Amanda Fark was the conference leader in hitting in addition to being named CCIW 1st team and also an Academic All-American. Fark was selected to the CCIW all-conference first team for the second consecutive year and earned first team All-Midwest Region honors after leading the Bluejays with a 4.70 kills per game average. Fark was also a Verizon® Academic All-District second team selection while posting a 3.714 grade point average.

Senior Outside Hitter, Jennifer Frantz led the Elmhurst hitters and was named to the NCAA All-American team, First Team CCIW, and Most Valuable Player of the CCIW All-Tournament Team. Jennifer's all-around performance was unforgettable throughout the season to anybody who had the privilege to see her play.

Senior Right Side Hitter, Amanda Frankin gave an unforgettable performance for fans this season. Frankin earned CCIW All-Tournament team and CCIW 2nd team. Senior Middle Hitter, Emily Schramm was named as an Academic All-American.

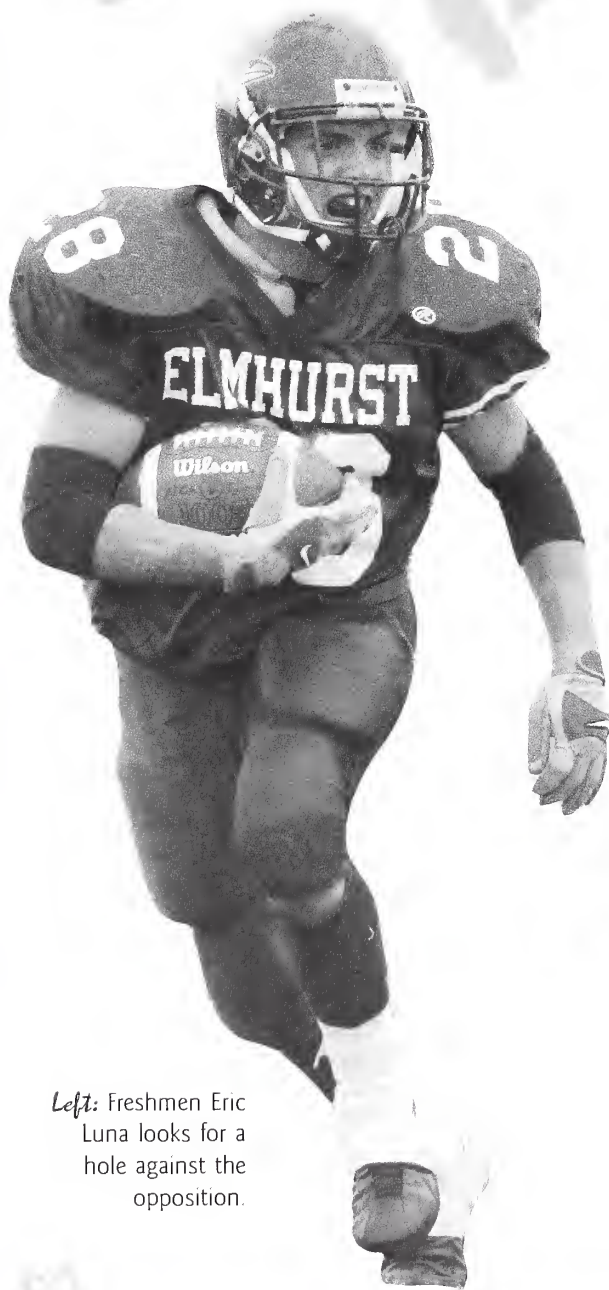
Sophomore Middle Hitter, Kelly Cusack was named to Academic All-American to round off the Elmhurst individual awards.

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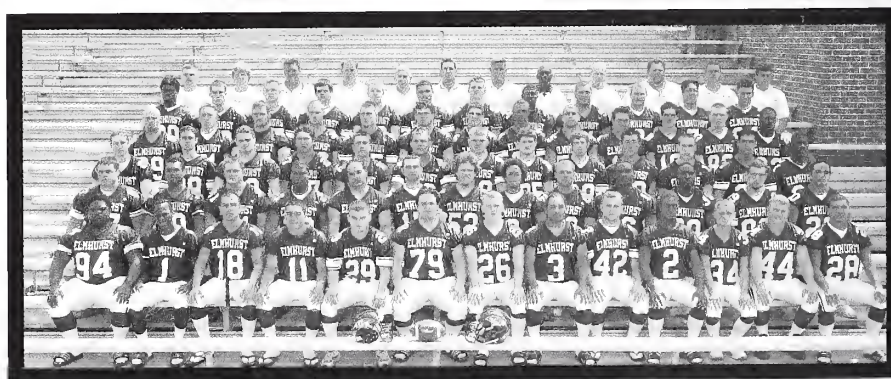
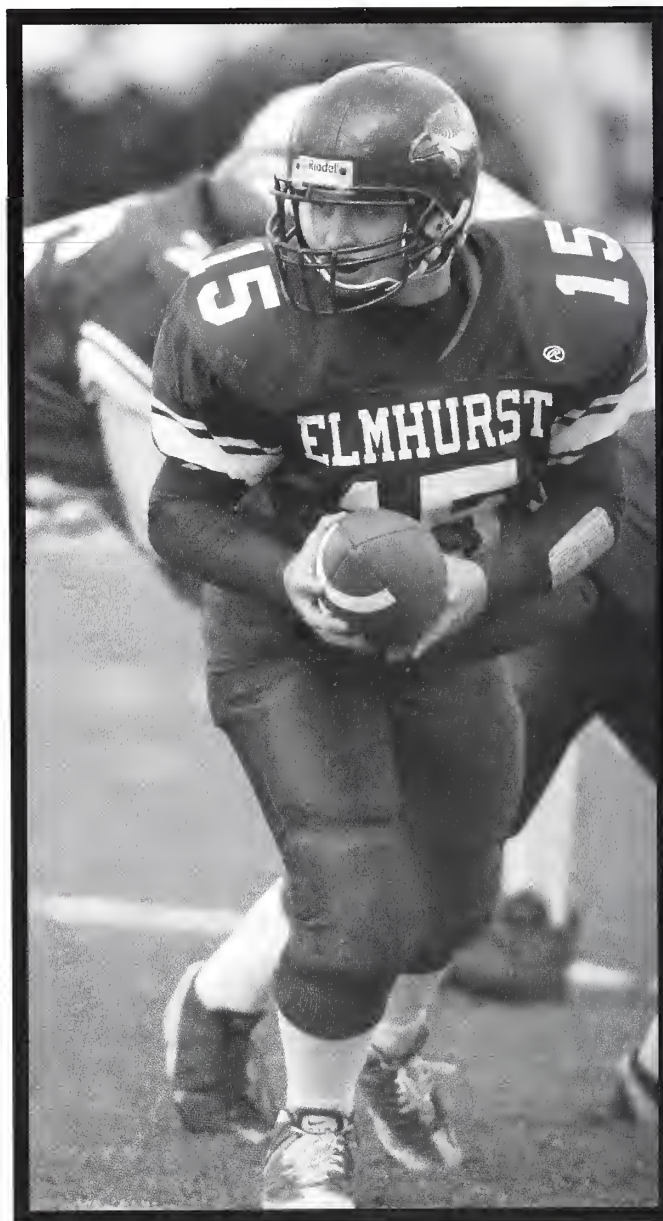
Volleyball

"My inspiration for playing football has been both of my parents. They came to all of our football games all season long. Win or lose, they were always there for me."

Senior ~ Andy Thompson



Left: Freshmen Eric Luna looks for a hole against the opposition.



First Row: A. Wallace, T. English, M. Martinez, J. Quesada, T. Duchene, R. Jedrey, E. Stone, L. Webb, D. Diefenbach, J. McMillian, R. Hayes, B. Vironda, E. Luna *Second Row:* M. Jezioro, T. Cartwright, Z. Massell, L. Turner, P. Easton, A. Diaferio, M. Robinson, B. Brown, J. Hagar, R. Flowers, T. Imam, J. Vanderwal, D. Easton *Third Row:* J. Allen, P. Williams, M. Duffy, P. Shaw, D. Demma, G. Perkins, A. Brogan, T. Reukert, J. Dexter, M. Zhou, M. Schmidtke, D. Socarrus, K. Clark *Fourth Row:* D. Snider, A. Nelson, S. O'Deay, B. Parker, W. Smith, C. Dembosz, M. Irps, D. Byrd, J. Gonzales, M. Paynter, A. Thompson, J. Teliga, K. Perry *Fifth Row:* F. Hilaire, T. Evans, R. Kosciuk, A. Cook, E. Lewis, D. Bonaparte, N. Boucher, K. Constant, P. Forminaya, J. Taranowski, C. Rydelski, K. Smith



Left:
Junior Juan Quesada
breaks into
Benedictine's sec-
ondary for a solid
gain.

Opposite page:
Sophomore Anthony
Diaferio looks to
hand-off the ball.

Even with the break through development of the new Langhorst Field, the EC football team wasn't able to have a break through season in 2002.

The Bluejays got off to a promising start, winning two of their first three games. Along the way, QB Dominic Demma and WR Juan Quesada switched positions to ignite an explosive outpour. In a game against the University of Chicago, the two individuals lit up the scoreboard and set new EC records.

Demma finished a career day completing 32 of 41 passes for 455 yards with 5 touchdowns to his credit. The sophomore tied a school mark for both passes completed and touchdowns thrown in a single game, breaking an 11-year yardage record of 442 yards set back in 1991 by Jack Lamb.

Quesada set a new school mark for receptions in a game with 13 while racking up 184 yards. The previous receptions record had been 12 by Semeon Henderson in 1991. Both Quesada and Demma were named "CCIW Players of the Week" for their performances. On the defensive end, Junior Chris Dembosz was a stud on defense, winning "Player of the Week" honors by Football Gazette and DIIIfootball.com. Along with Benitez Brown, Dembosz won CCIW Player of the Week as well.

As conference play began, the EC football team ran into a tough CCIW lineup of teams which crushed any hope of a winning season. Only an exciting Homecoming Win against North Park proved to be the only win the Blue jays could manage, as they finished the season 3-7 overall (1-6 CCIW).

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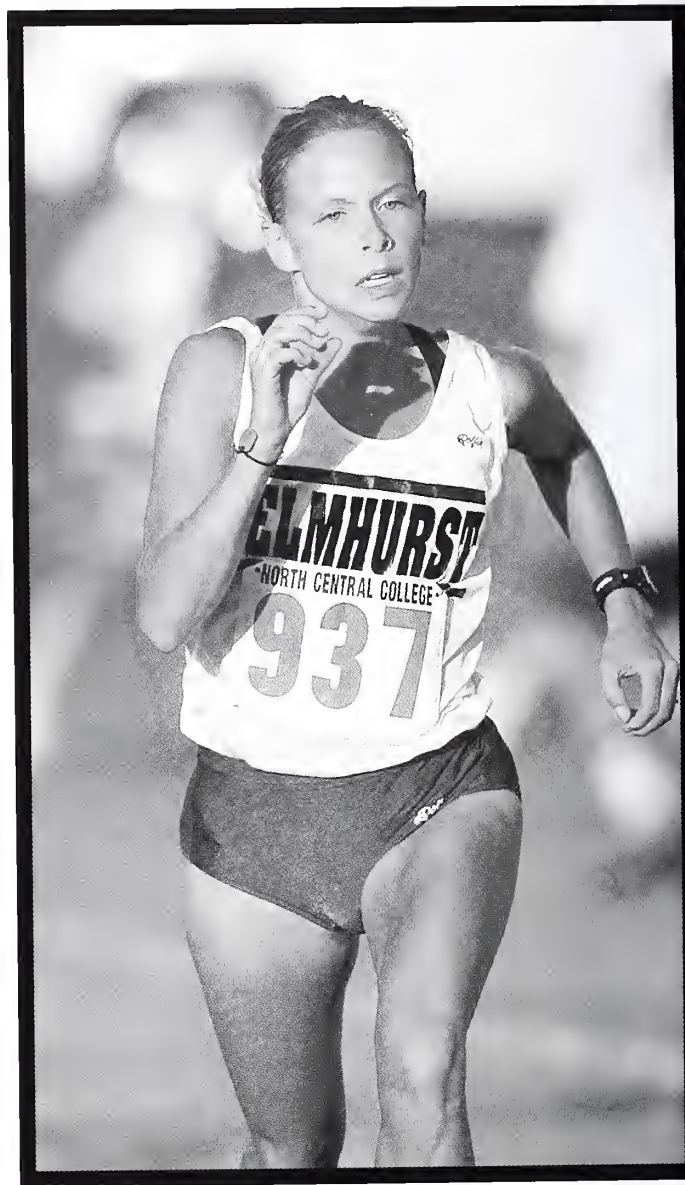
Football

"The success I experienced
this year was due to my own
self-motivation and inspira-
tion to meet my goals."

Junior ~ Krista Phelps



Left:
Kathleen Brice
paces herself
to a second
place overall
finish at the
North Central
Invitational.



Front Row: A. Swade, K. VanGuilder, A. Brice, K. Baker, A. Ricci *Back Row:* A. Wischmeyer, K. Laurence, L. Jacobson, K. Phelps, Head Coach Erik Guta



Left:
Anna Wischmeyer runs,
helping her EC team fin-
ish strong at North
Central.

Opposite page:
Kelly Vanguilder makes a
push to finish strong dur-
ing the North Central
College Invite.



The Women's Cross Country Team used the Fall of 2002 to prove that they are becoming a consistent dominant force in the CCIW.

The Lady Jays shot out of the gate this season to capture first place in both the EC Earlybird Invitational and North Central Invitational meets. The ladies continued to excel in following matches, finishing 2nd, 3rd, 3rd and 10th in the next four matches.

At the CCIW Championships at North Central College, the women's team captured its' third consecutive CCIW Championship. All-American Junior Kathleen Brice won her second consecutive women's individual title with a 21:58.2 time to lead all runners. Senior Adrien Ricci finished with All-American Honors as well as she finished 17th in 22:12.4.

Head Coach Erik Guta was honored with the Midwest Region Coach of the Year award after guiding the Lady Jays to their third straight CCIW Championship.

With their best team performance of the year, the Lady's Cross Country Team finished 3rd out of 34 teams to qualify for nationals. The 129 score was lead by the Bluejays top two runners of Brice and Ricci. Brice finished 2nd overall as Ricci was a close fourth.

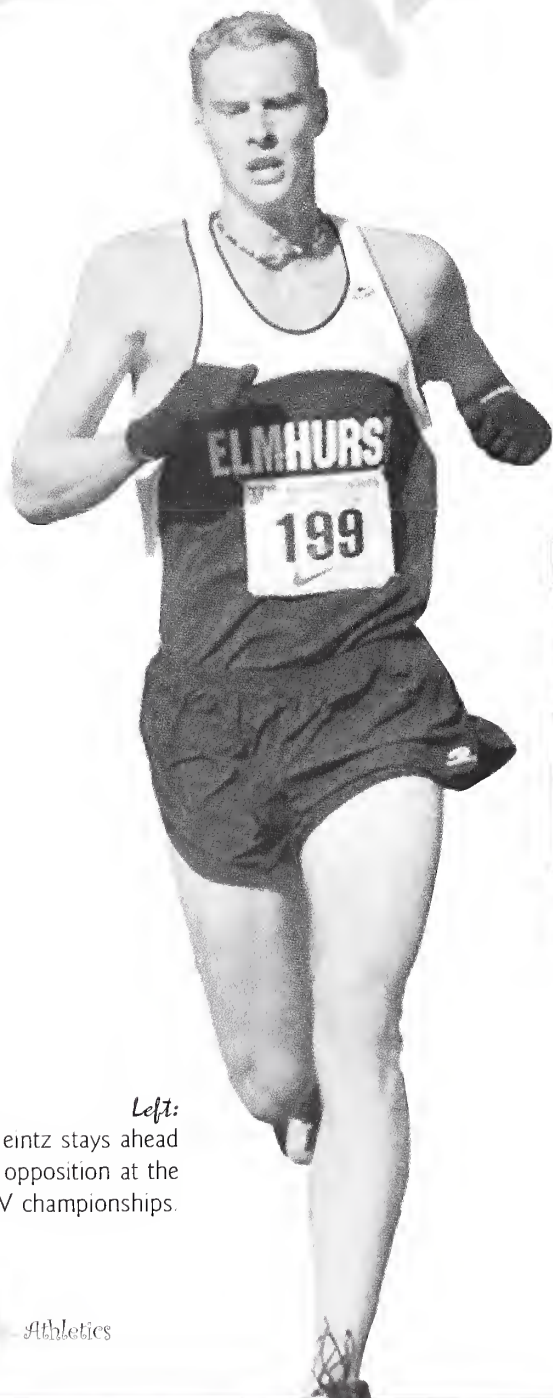
In nationals, the Lady Jays finshed a respectable 8th. Kathleen Brice showed why she is one of the top runners of the nation by finishing 8th, as Ricci displayed her All-American talents by finishing 17th.

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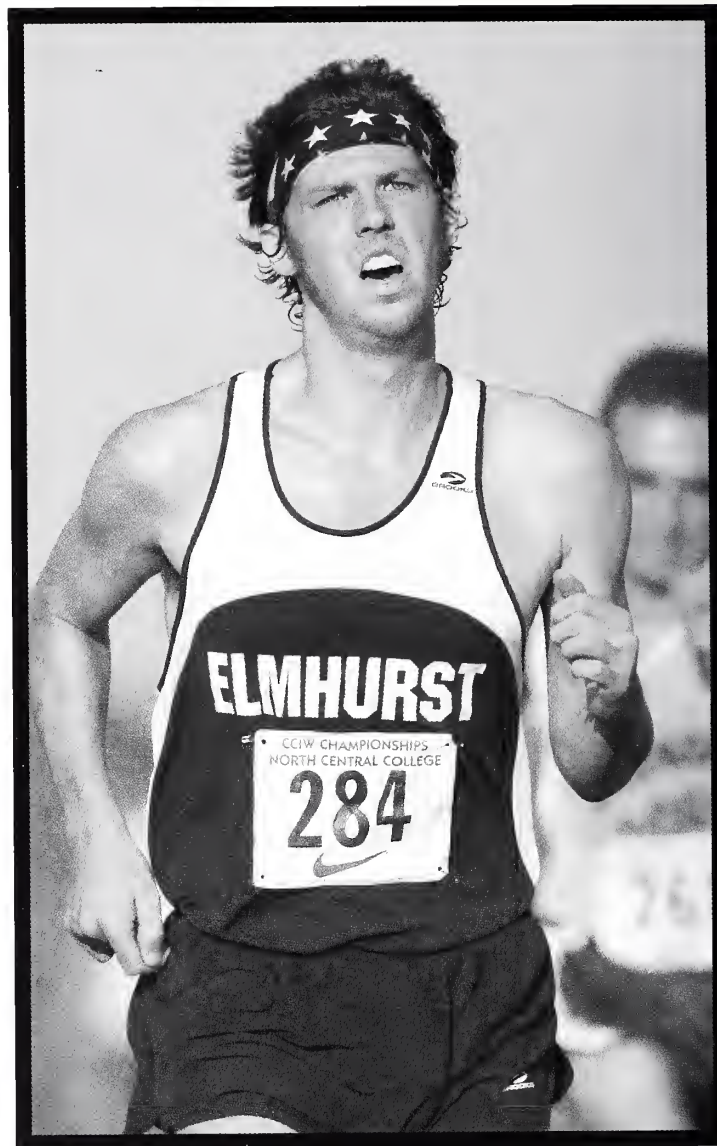
Women's Cross Country

“The most inspirational figures in running during the last four years have been my teammates. I really couldn't have done anything without their support.”

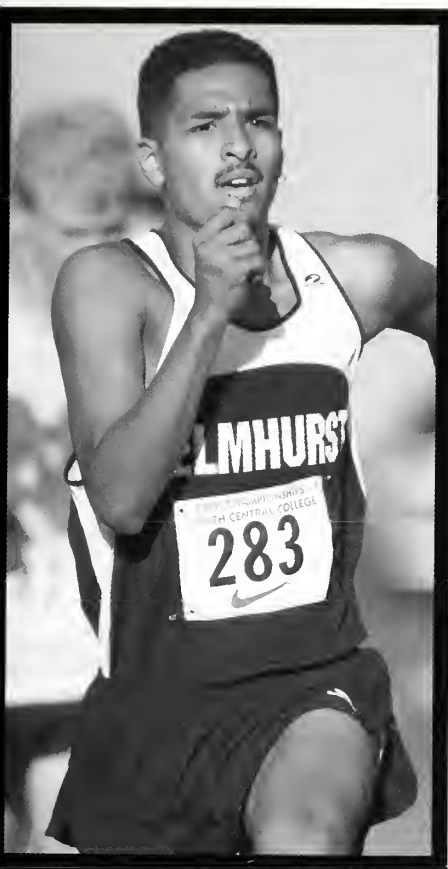
Senior ~ Tim Zielinski



Left:
Mark Heintz stays ahead of the opposition at the CCIW championships.



Front Row: J. Pontrelli, J. Kuhn, S. Hurley, E. Perez, David Ramos, D. Wischmeyer, Head Coach Greg Huffacker *Back Row:* R. Schaefer, D. Moll, M. Hinze, M. Glossen, J. Perez, C. Tiede



Left:
In frigid temperatures, Jason Patrick heats up the competition by passing three Wesleyan runners.

Far left:
Freshman David Ramos kicks his pace to high gear.

Opposite page:
With his stars and stripes headband shining bright in the afternoon sun, Tim Zielinski gasps for a solid finish.

With an up and coming Men's Cross Country Program, the fourteen runners competed to turn in a solid 2002 season. In seven matches this year, the Men's Cross Country Team finished in the top half of all competing teams to solidify their consistent running.

Right from the start, the men's team ran to a second place finish at the EarlyBird Invitational, the first week of September. Senior Joe Pontrelli finished 6th place in the 5k run. The all-conference runner finished the race in a crisp 16:19.23 time to lead the Jays.

At the Chuck Carrol Invite, the EC Men's Team used powerful runs from Freshman Milo Perez, Senior Joe Pontrelli and Sophomore Mark Heintz to cement their fourth overall finish of eighteen teams. Pontrelli placed 16th in 27:06, Perez finished 19th in 27:22 and Heintz finished 29th in 27:47.

Head Cross Country Coach Greg Huffacker admitted, "Carrol Invite was a tough meet. There was definitely some improvement for us this season, as both our finish times and places were better than 2001.

The men finished the season placing 6th, 8th 7th 3rd and 10th in respective meets, showing other CCIW teams that they aren't going anywhere any time soon.

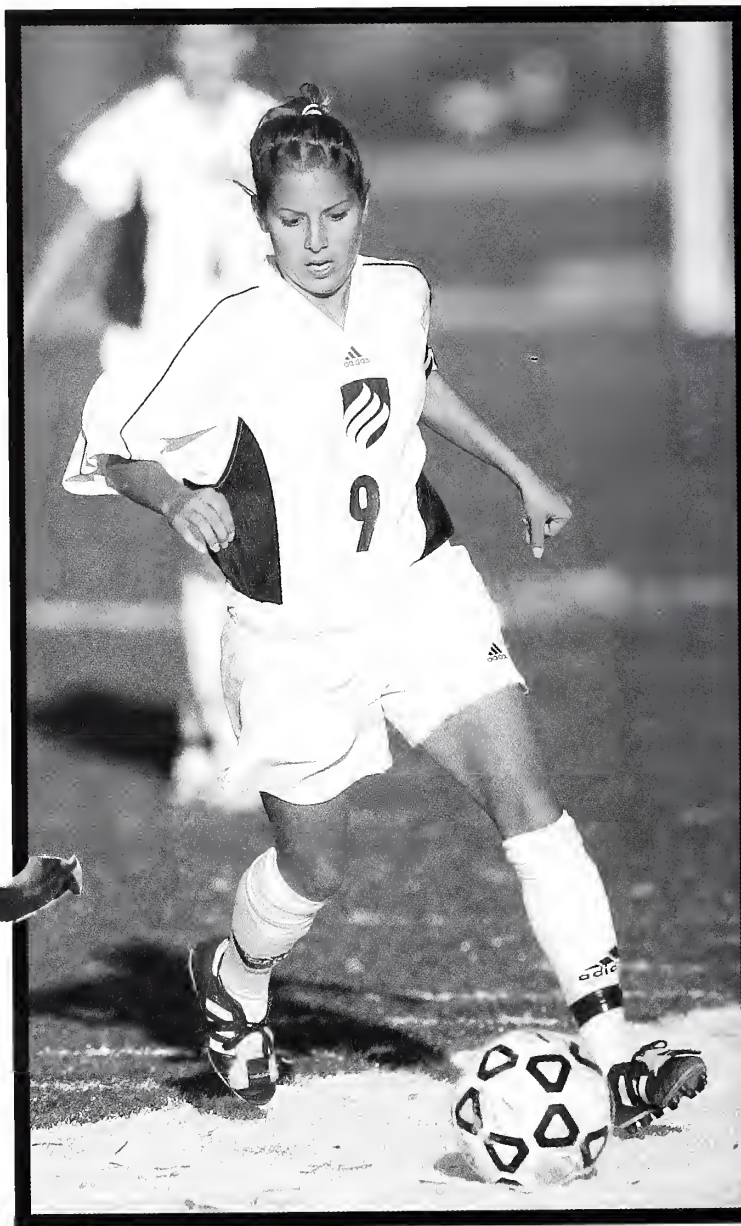
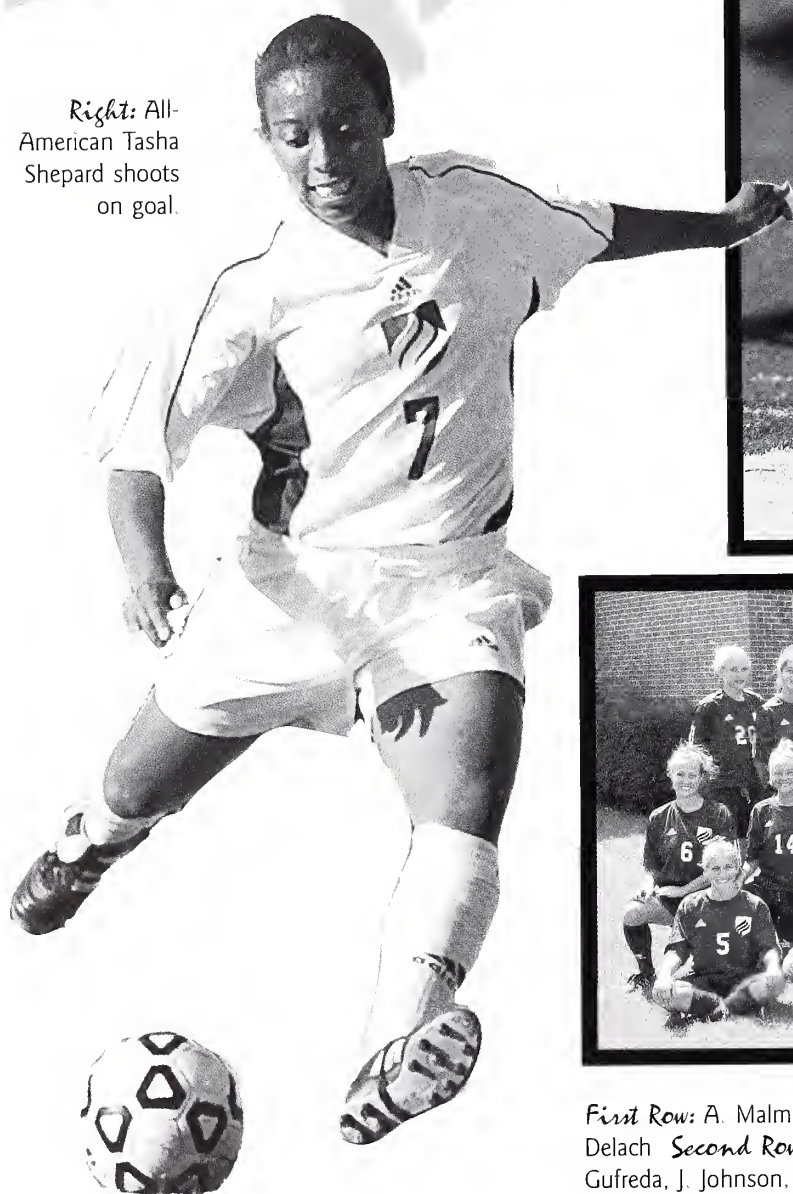
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Men's Cross Country

"My teammates' support, motivation, and friendship helped inspire me to play soccer for the Bluejays."

Senior ~ Phoebe
Wainwright

Right: All-American Tasha Shepard shoots on goal.



First Row: A. Malmstrom, J. Sweeney, A. LeFurgy, C. Farrington, K. Sommers, A. Delach Second Row: J. Knautz, K. Burke, E. McIntyre, P. Bassler, T. Shepard, A. Gufreda, J. Johnson, M. Milton, P. Wainwright Third Row: A. Stein, P. Pahls, A. Foley, M. Mestemacher, K. Parnua, K. Hathaway, K. Mushill, M. Boyle, K. Tweel, S. Downen, Coach David Di Tomasso



Left: Goalie Amy LeFurgy looks for her teammates after a save on goal.

Opposite page: Senior Corrie Farrington dribbles the ball along the sidelines.

HONORS

ALL-AMERICAN

TASHA SHEPARD (SECOND TEAM)

ALL-REGION

TASHA SHEPARD (FIRST TEAM)

ALL-CCIW

KARY SOMMERS (SECOND TEAM)

CORRIE FARRINGTON (FIRST TEAM)

TASHA SHEPARD (FIRST TEAM)

CCIW PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KARY SOMMERS

AMY LEFURGY (TWICE)

MONICA MILTON

JAMIE JOHNSON

This year's Lady's Soccer Team exemplified dominance both on the soccer field and in the classroom. At one point of their successful season, the Bluejays tallied twelve straight games against conference and non-conference opponents. Their consistent play propelled their 2002 team to a second seed of the CCIW tournament. Unfortunately, the Lady's Soccer team suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Illinois Wesleyan, bringing a quick end to a solid season.

The Lady Bluejay Soccer Team success was due to their tenacious defense that allowed less than a goal per game (.90). Anchoring the stellar defense was Defender Tasha Shepard, who received All-American second team honors for her outstanding play of 2002. This sophomore earned all-CCIW first-team honors and all-Midwest Region honors for the second consecutive year. In 2001, she was selected as the Bluejays' "Newcomer of the Year."

Even more impressive was Lady Jay's cumulative 3.41 grade point average in the classroom during the season. The Bluejays were honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for their outstanding scholastics. Their 3.41 GPA ranked in the top 25 across all NCAA Divisions. Among Division II institutions, the Blue jays ranked 16th. Perfectly put, Coach Dave Di Tomasso said, "This is a perfect example of what a student athlete is."

Four Lady Bluejays brought home Verizon Academic All-District Honors, Kary Sommers earned second-team honors for 2002. Ann Delach, Corrie Farrington and Jenni Knautz all earned first-team all-district recognition.

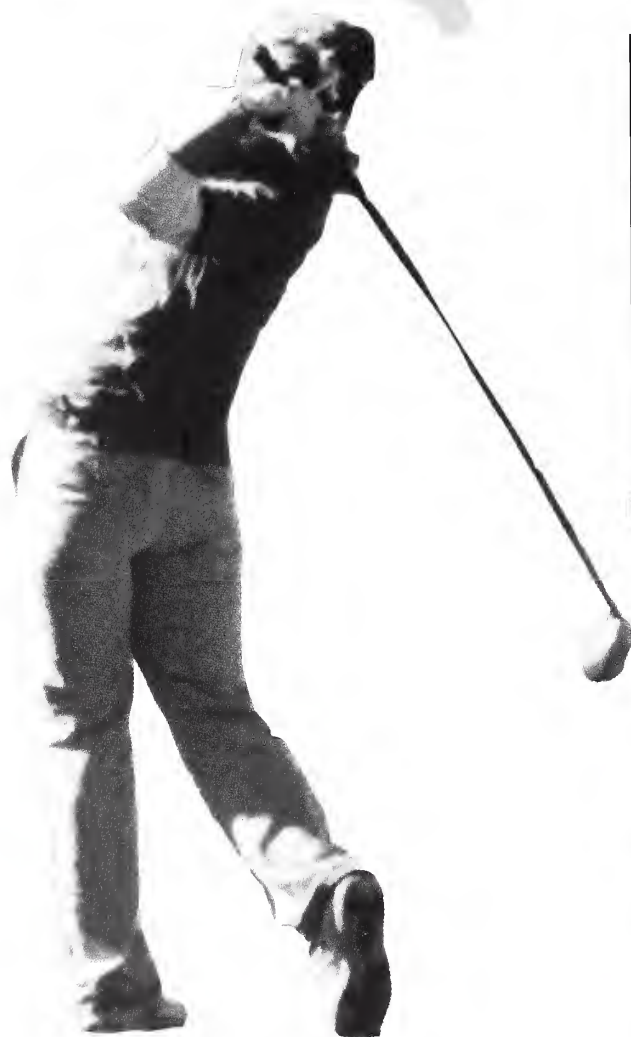
Delach was a two-time team captain while posting a 3.849 GPA. Farrington posted 3.673 GPA over her four years of college. Knautz hit the books to finish with an outstanding 3.889 GPA.

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Soccer

"My inspiration has been Dr. Heather Hall. She is a very intelligent coach, who teaches tennis almost better than she knows it."

Senior ~ Sara Lavcivis



Above: Haley Riley takes a full swing.



Left to Right: Coach Mary Toomey, Katie Dhamer, Cori Danforth, Haley Riley, Trina Suilita, Mina Pavlovic, Coach Mark Scherer



First Row: A. Nigliazzo, E. Larsen, Z. Zabat, S. Fehrenbacher
Second Row: Coach Hope Semper, L. Lauer, K. Gregory, K. Langstraat, S. Lavcivis



Left:
Katie Dhamer
smacks a drive into
the fairway of the
green.

Opposite page:
Katie Gregory gets
in position to keep
a rally going during
her tennis match.

The Lady's Bluejay Tennis Team made some successful strives in 2002 to be a conference threat. Coming off a disappointing 2001 season, the Lady Bluejays finished this year with a 7-6 overall record. To start the new season, the EC Tennis Team recorded their first CCIW win of the season by shutting out North Park 9-0. Katie Gregory helped the Lady Bluejays get their first CCIW win, in two sets, by winning two straight sets by the count of 6-0 and 6-0.

Despite finishing with a 2-5-conference mark, the Bluejays closed out the month of October on a winning spree. The Lady's Tennis Team racked up victories in 3 out of their 4 last regular season games.

Players like Sophomore Katie Gregory, Junior Angela Nigliazzo and Senior Zheralyn Zabat were keys to the Bluejays success.

The Lady's Golf Team made some great strides in the year 2002, finishing strong at the CCIW Championships. "This Lady's Golf Team was one of our best team ever," Head Golf Coach Mark Scherer commented. The Lady Bluejays started off with a ninth place finish at the course of UW-Whitewater, as the team fired a two-day total of 779. Trina Sulita led the EC team shooting an 182 and tying for 27th place for a solid start of the season.

For the next five matches, the Lady's Golf Team had finishes of 11th, 27th, 11th, 11th, and 26th place. With one final match to go on the green, the ladies put forth their best performance of year. In the CCIW Championships of October 8th, the women's team finished seventh while setting two school records. First, with a 781 score for both days, the Lady's Golf Team set an EC record for a 36 hole score. Second, the single day score of 376 put up on the second day of play; lowest for an 18-hole in Bluejay history. "We definitely played our best golf in the CCIW Championships," commented Coach Scherer.

With the Bluejays returning four of their five players in 2003, Coach Scherer is very optimistic. "My team is anchored by young group of returning players. With these members returning next season, look for the Lady's Golf Team to improve."

Staff Writer - Josh Bennett

Golf and Tennis

"Basketball has been a very big part of my life the last four years here at EC."

Senior ~ Bonnie Halter



Right: Freshmen Vicky Miner spots up to shoot.



First Row: A. Loncar, V. Miner, A. Phillips, J. Brown, K. Watson, C. Brown, C. Gorecki, G. Rocco, J. Strachan *Second Row:* Manager Jennifer Davies, J. Franson, J. Randall, J. Kalal, A. Stein, B. Halter, S. Ream, L. Peterson, R. Calabrese, J. Audino, Manager Victoria Mathews



Left: Julie Audino tries to shake a defender.
Opposite page: Jennifer Randall follows through on a long jumper.
Below: Head Coach Hope Semper watches her team battle it out against the opposition.



Head Coach Hope Semper admitted early in the 20002-2003 Women's Basketball season that her team was still a young club. Experience is only found in time at the next level.

"We are still a relatively young team this year," Semper said.

With 15 of their 17 players being underclassmen, the Lady Jays did battle against a tough CCIW conference to finish 6-19 overall, and 1-13 in league play.

The freshmen squad used the 2002-03 season to sharpen their skills and grow accustomed to the new level of collegiate play. Kim Watson was relentless on the defensive end, putting together 52 steals for the season, averaging over two per game. Watson also led her team in rebounding with 7.5 boards per game. Freshman Ashley Stein showed that she has the potential to be a force in the league, as Stein shot 42.1% from the field, averaged seven points per contest while pulling down 4.9 rebounds per game.

Senior Bonnie Halter closed out her EC career strong statistically. Halter averaged 9.2 points per game on 44.6% shooting from the field. She was the Bluejays' high scorer in 10 of the 25 games this year. With her 6'-1" frame, Bonnie had 17 blocks on the year while averaging 18.2 minutes per game.

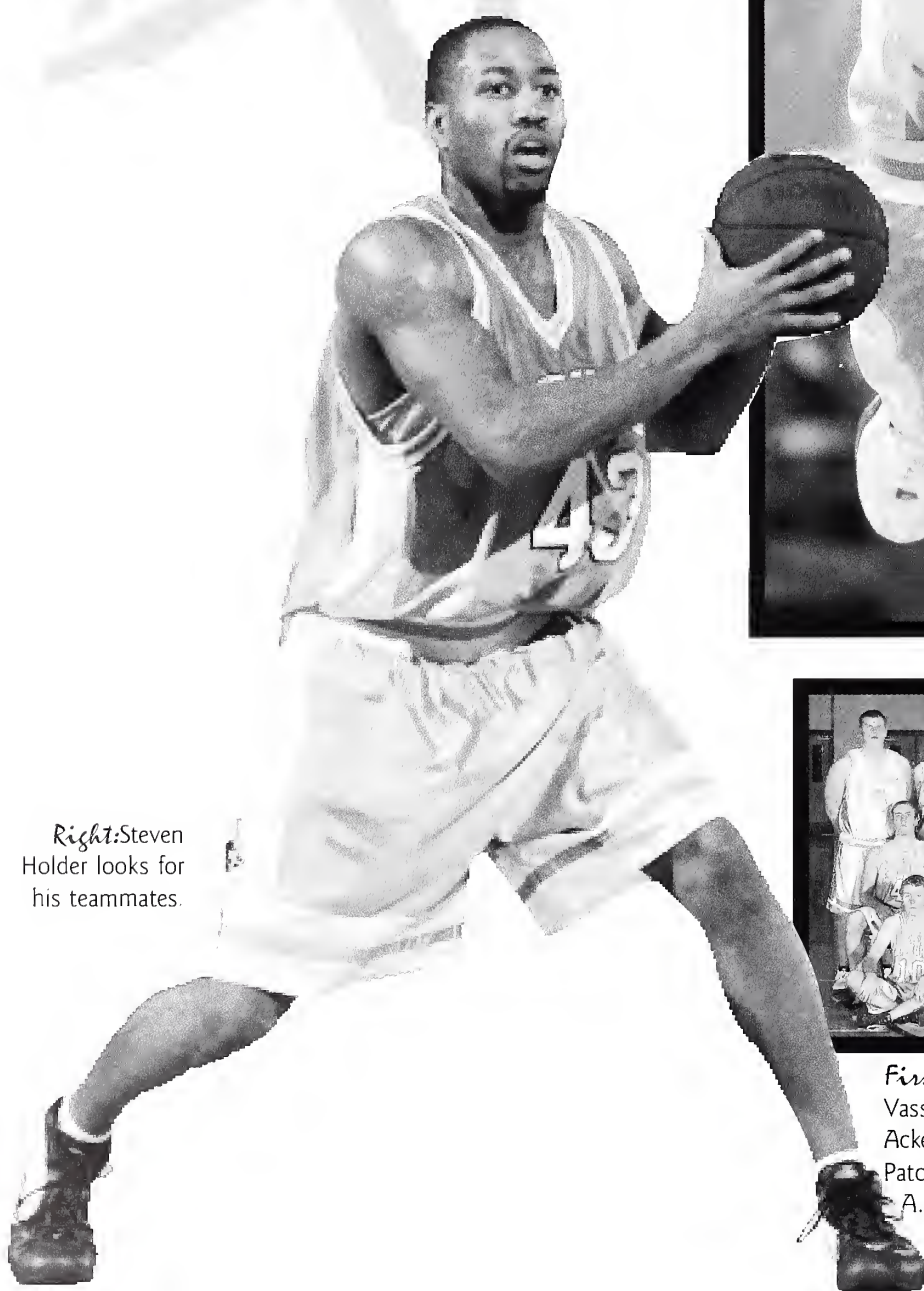
With a more experienced and developed team next year, the EC Women's Basketball team will try to make some noise in the conference.

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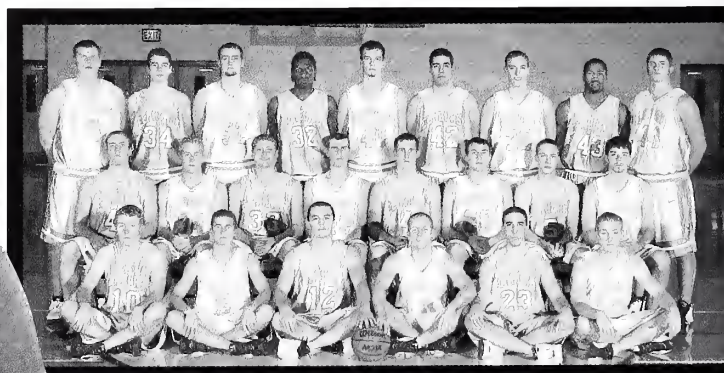
Women's Basketball

"I'm glad to have had the opportunity to be a part of a great group of guys."

Senior ~ Steven
Holder



Right: Steven Holder looks for his teammates.



First Row: B. Mucha, S. Kollar, J. Bennett, G. Kohler, G. Vassaco, D. Cooper *Second Row:* J. Wilkens, E. Arnold, A. Ackerman, B. Voss, W. Bosworth, A. Bruns, C. Ihlenfeldt, E. Patchett *Third Row:* R. Voss, B. Walsh, G. Kirstein, S. Knight, A. Mohnney, L. Sebio, S. Holder, R. Slock



Left: Grarnett Kohler looks to split the defense on the dribble.

Opposite page:

D.J. Cooper goes full throttle on the break.

Below: Lefty Gabe Kirstein pulls up for the open jumper.



The Men's EC Basketball Team had a roller coaster season in 2002-2003, finishing 11-14 overall and finishing 6-8 in CCIW play. From December 15 to January 11th, the Bluejays got hot on the court, winning five of six games. But the next three conference showdowns were all heartbreaks, as EC lost to Augustana, North Central and Wheaton by a combined nine points.

The highlight of Head Coach Mark Scherer's season had to have come on February 5th, as the Bluejays basketball team battled #5 Illinois Wesleyan at Faganel Hall. With an estimated 1,200 fans looking on, Wayne Bosworth turned in his clutch performance of the season, putting in 26 points on 9-11 shooting from the floor, including 6-8 from three-point range, while Senior Adam Ackerman hit some clutch shots down the stretch and scored 19 points in the upset.

"This was one of the biggest wins of the season," commented Coach Scherer. "Our guys stepped up when they had to."

Bosworth led the Bluejays in scoring and averaged 17.6 points per game in CCIW games, ranking sixth in the conference. He also led the league in three-point percentage, shooting 52 percent from downtown (44-of-84). On three separate occasions Bosworth received "Player of the Week" honors.

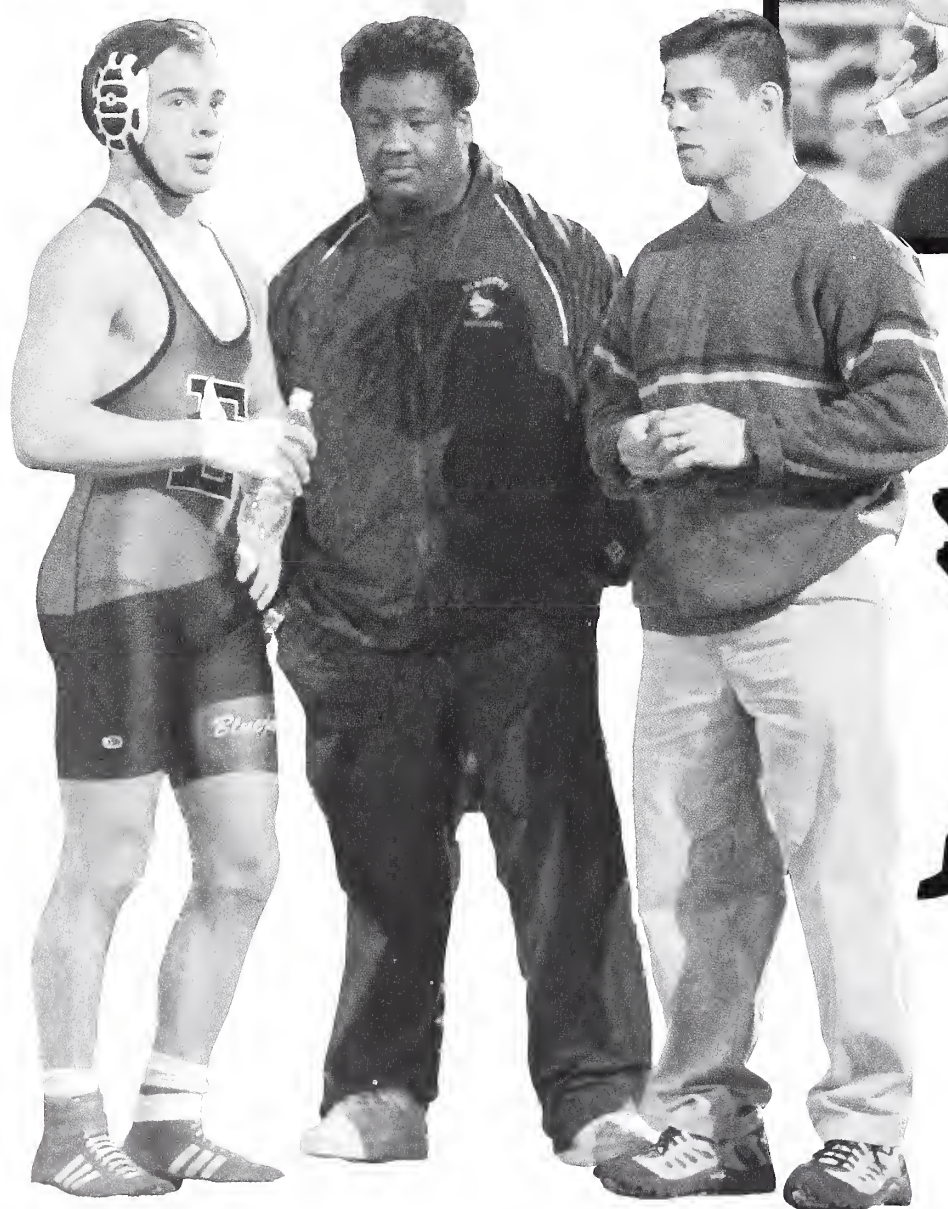
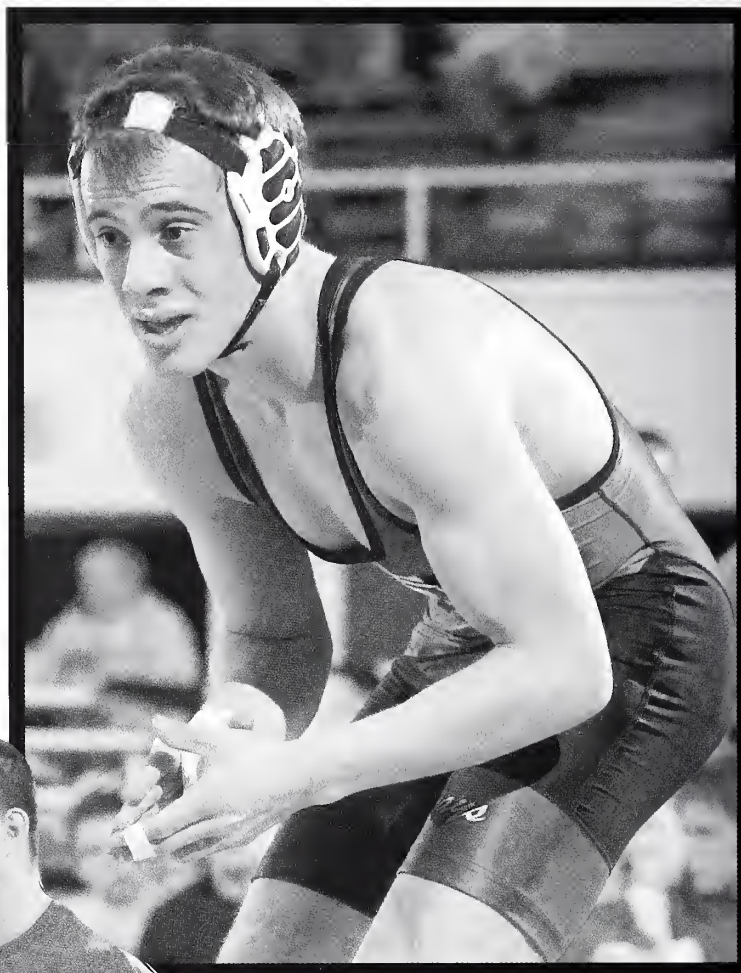
Holder was the leading rebounder for the Bluejays, averaging 8.9 rebounds per game. His 8.4 rebounds per game average in conference games ranked second in the CCIW. He finished as the second leading scorer for Elmhurst, averaging 13.4 points per game. He finished the season ranked fourth in the CCIW in blocked shots, averaging more than a block per game.

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Men's Basketball

"Wrestling is a personal challenge to me. It's the supreme challenge of one-on-one competition."

Junior ~ David
Anderson



Wrestling Team

D. Anderson
J. Becraft
A. Cook
J. Dale
J. Harmon
M. Kuschert
R. Lamas
J. Mateja
Z. Nagle
J. Oster
R. Remour
J. Rupprecht
R. Schmidt
R. Wahl
C. Young

Head Coach: Steve Marianetti
Assistant Coach: Alex Pons

Left: Matt Kuschert and Carl Young converse with their coach between matches.



Left: Jason Dale grabs the upper hand in his wrestling match.

Opposite page: With his concentration at a premium, Matt Kuschert prepares himself for battle.

The Men's Wrestling squad came out strong for the 2002-2003 season. The 5-1 starting mark was capped off by a win over Wheaton by the score of 35-10, for their first CCIW win of the year.

"It was a nice feeling to get off to a good start in conference competition," said first year Head Coach Steve Marianetti. "We picked up some key wins when we needed it."

On December 18, the EC wrestling team brought in two individual titles on the mat at the Art Kraft Memorial Open. Dave Anderson and Rick Lamas each brought home individual titles at 197 pounds and 157 pounds.

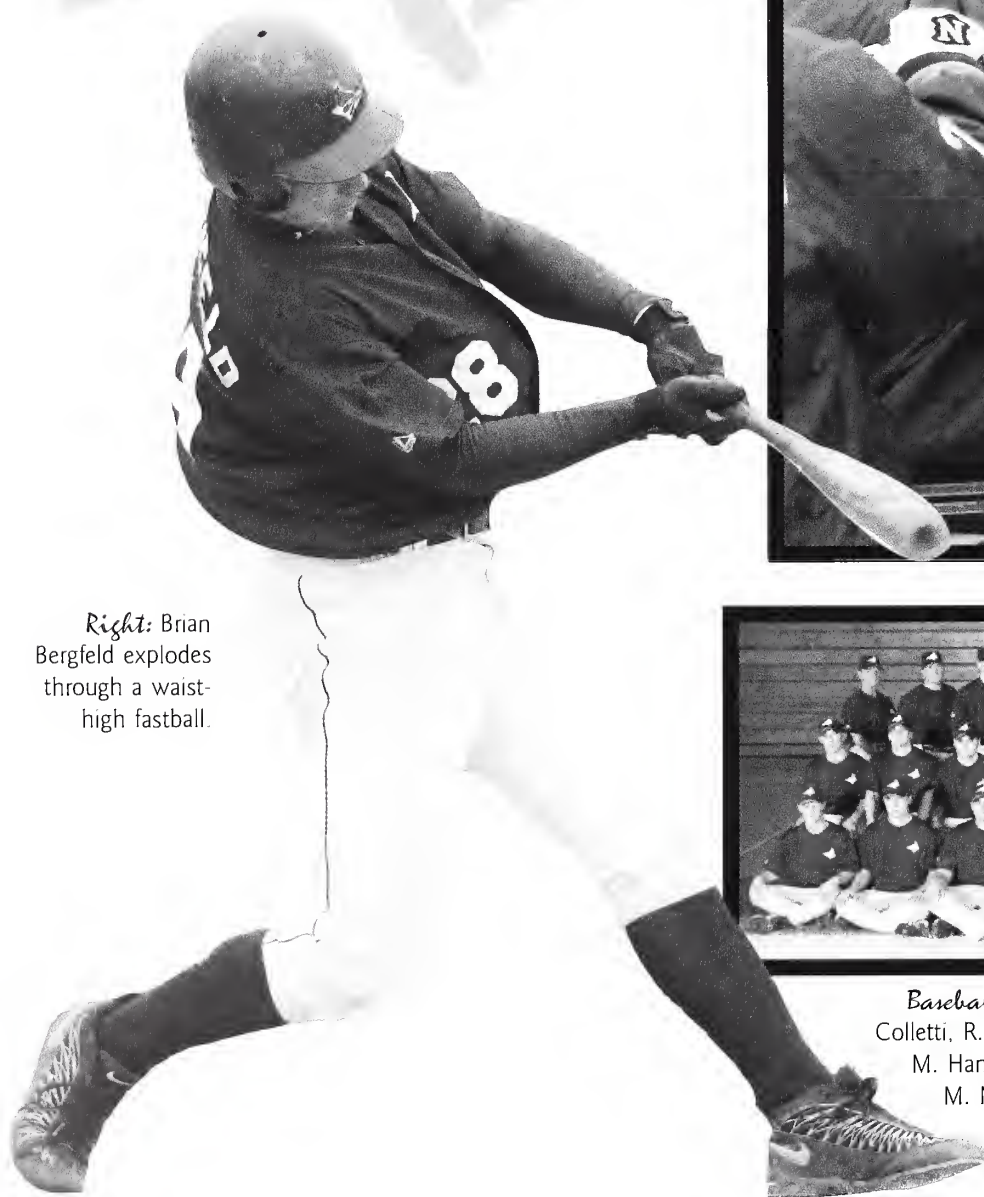
After placing fifth at the CCIW Championship, the Bluejays made the NCAA Regionals for their final matches. The EC team placed 12th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on February 24. After a competitive year, Rick Lamas took third place at 157 pounds, after posing a 3-2 record in regionals. Lamas finished the season with 28 victories and was one match away from qualifying for the NCAA Tournament. Coach Marianetti commented, "He was also a great example in the wrestling room, always pushing himself and his team during practice this season."

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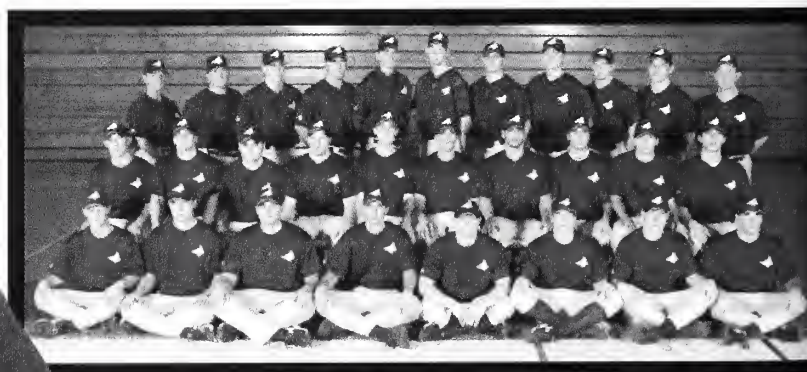
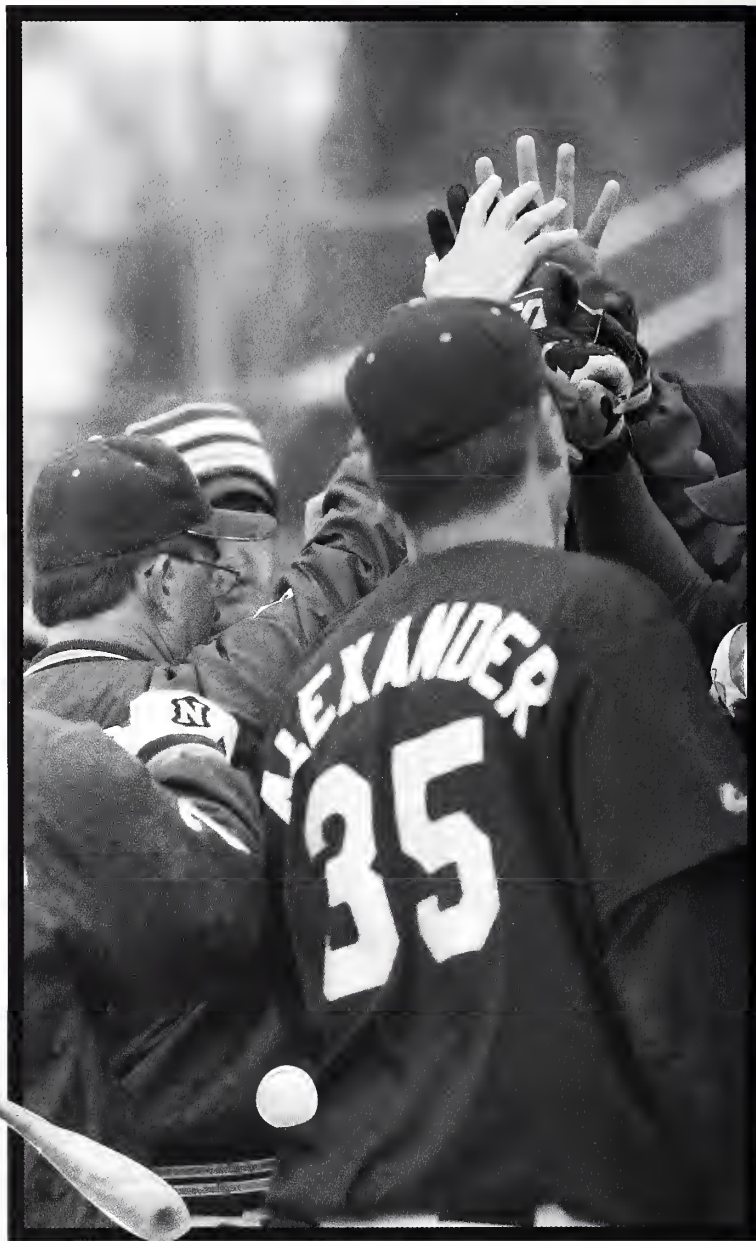
Wrestling

"We improved from the previous season in all phases of the game but most importantly, we played the game of baseball as a team."

Junior ~ Ken
Shipbaugh



Right: Brian Bergfeld explodes through a waist-high fastball.



Baseball Team: B. Alexander, B. Bergfeld, K. Brandush, L. Colletti, R. Daggett, D. Demma, T. Duchene, M. Gavin B. Groth, M. Hansen, S. Hughes, M. Jackson, B. Karol, D. Macdonald, M. Marren, A. Mohny, P. Moore, B. Mucha, A. Prester, K. Rohlfing, B. Shelton, K. Shipbaugh, M. Skora, D. Socarras, L. Synett, B. Unger, Head Coach Clark Jones



Left: Brad Groth rounds third looking to score for the Jays.

Opposite page:

Head Coach Clark Jones and his team brings it up for a team gathering.

Below: Ken Shipbaugh fields a sharp grounder at third base.



Stemming from last year, the Men's Baseball Team made outstanding strides this year to be one of the top teams in the CCIW, as well as the region. After compiling a 28-14 record overall, with a 13-8 CCIW mark, the Men's Baseball Team finished second in the conference behind conference champs Carthage College. The Bluejays played the Redmen head on during the regular season, splitting the season series 2-2, but lost the final meeting in the CCIW Championship to Carthage by the count of 8-2.

The Men's Team used their explosive bats to do most of the talking early in the season. The Jays cumulative .366 batting average was second best in the nation, as it sparked the Jays to be ranked fourth regionally. Eight EC players made the All-CCIW Team including first team selections, Mark Hansen, Brad Shelton, Brad Unger and Rob Daggett. Second team consisted of players Brain Bergfeld, Dom Demma, Brad Groth, and Ken Shipbaugh.

"This is a great honor for our players," commented Head Coach Clark Jones. "These eight players played a critical role in leading us to a second place finish. I'm extremely proud of them."

Daggett had an outstanding season, earning "NCBWA Regional Player of the Year" as well as "CCIW Player of the Year" honors. Daggett posted a .411 batting average (.479 in CCIW play) while leading the Jays in doubles (18), homeruns (seven), RBI's (50), slugging (.742) at the DH position. On the mound, Daggett posted a 6-0 record with a 5.09 ERA on the year.

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Baseball

"Our inspiration this year was to work better as a team and achieve both individual and team goals for a successful season."

Senior~ Jen Weller



Right: Jennifer Cromer makes her turn towards second base after lining a hit to right field.



Front: L. Shay, J. Cromer, K. Saunders, H. Pietrucha, E. Jahnke, V. Miner, J. Weller

Back: D. White, J. Winters, K. Gervase, J. Kalal, K. Swartz, D. Perkins, J. Kroll, T. Frank



Opposite Page: Katie Gervase takes a big cut at a pitcher's fastball.

Left: Erin Jahnke is in her infielder stance, ready to make a play

Below: With her chin down, Christy Gorecki hits the ball to the opposite field for a hit.



A season isn't concluded until the final pitch. The EC Women's Softball Team took the "never say die" mentality in finishing their 2003 season strong. The sizzling Lady Jays won eleven of their final 12 games to go 15-21 overall for the season, 4-10 in CCIW.

Head Coach Lori Brown commented, "We struggled at times early in the season, but we definitely got stronger as the season progressed."

In the Bluejays last six games of the season, the Lady EC team swept Wheaton College, Marian College, and Concordia University, while outscoring the teams 51 to 13 along the stretch.

Jen Weller lead the team in hits and runs as Katie Gervase batted in 28 RBI's with eight doubles on the season to lead the Jays. Gervase was the Bluejay's ace on the mound, as she led the team with a 3.06 ERA as a starter, while pitching 17 complete games. Senior Tammy Frank posted a .320 batting average on the season, while finishing her prestigious 4-year career as EC's all-time top ten in hits (114) RBI's (51) doubles (25) extra-base hits (26) total bases (142) and games played.

Sophomore Katie Gervase and senior Tammy Frank both earned CCIW All-Conference second team honors.

"I'm very happy that both Tammmy and Katie were all-conference selections." Coach Brown commented. "Tammy provided us with some outstanding senior leadership and was a big contributor to our line-up, while Katie led the offense in hitting and was our top pitcher as well."

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Softball

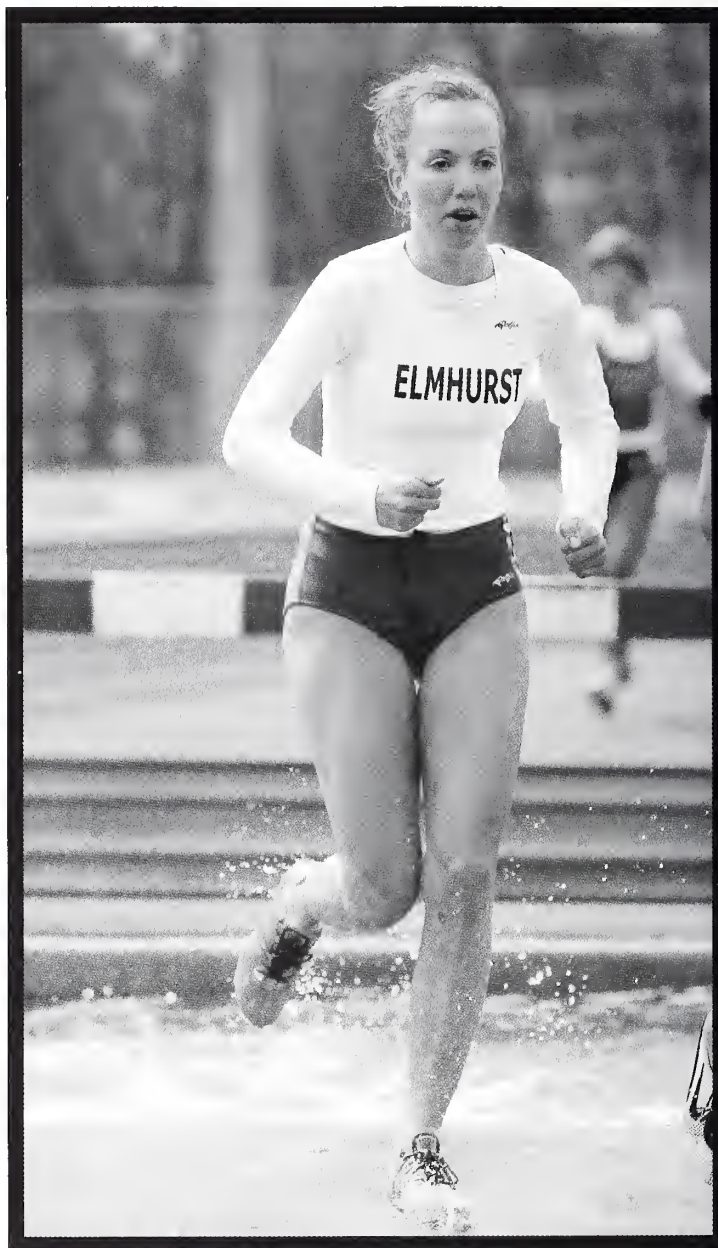


"I like the physical part of running. When i realized I could be competitive doing it, that was even better."

Senior ~ Adrien Ricci



Above left:
Krystal Laurence just finishes a jump during her steeplechase event, as she makes her way towards the finish line
Left:
Senior Adrien Ricci on the move during a chilly day of competition.



Women's Track & Field Team

K. Baker	E. Or
K. Brice	A. Peter
E. Brice	K. Phelps
K. Brice	A. Phillips
T. Chillis	C. Potts
I. Davies	B. Pulchinski
Elwart	A. Ricci
Elwright	A. Swade
Florence	K. VanCinder
Floyd	A. Wischmeyer
K. Laurence	



Left: Katherine Baker plunges into the shallow water during her steeplechase event.



It was another typical Women's Track and Field Season as records fell and lady athletes competed side by side to make conference teams turn their heads.

Early in the track season, however, the Women's Team struggled. Finishes of 10th, 12th, 12th and 7th place covered their first four meets. But soon, stellar individual performances got the team going on a successful path.

At the indoor CCIW Championships, Pole Vault Competitor Amy Peters captured first place in conference while setting a new conference and school record mark with a 11-7' vault. Kelly Van Guilder set a new Jay record in the 800 meters with a 2:20.90 time, good enough for second place. At the very next meet of the Chicago Championships, Krystal Laurance took this time to set her own school record in the 3,000 meter steeple chase. Kathleen Brice and Adrien Ricci put in second and fourth place finishes in the 5,000 meters to provisionally qualify for nationals in their respected event.

Towards the end of their season, the Lady Jays had more success as a team, finishing seventh, sixth, and fifth in the Cardinal Classic, EC Invite and CCIW Championship. At the EC Invite, the Bluejay Team made a surge to receive a NCAA Qualifying bid, as Brice shattered a sixteen-year-old record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17.01. Ricci was able to qualify for nationals in the 10,000 meters, but it was Brice whom received All-American Honors in the end, placing fifth.

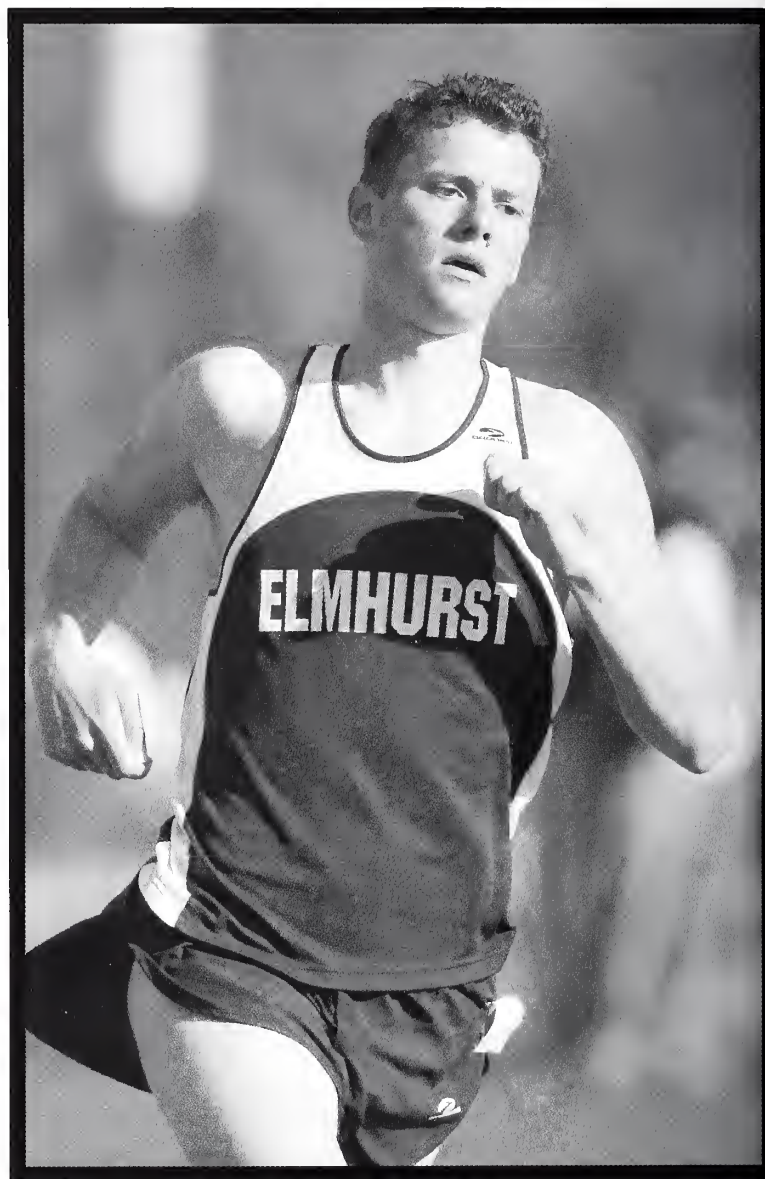
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Women's Track & Field

"I do track and field simply
for the love of the sport
and for the competition
Senior ~Tom Cartwright



Left: Fatigued and
out of breath,
Matt Hinze con-
tinues to make an
effort towards the
finish line.



Men's Track & Field Team

J. Alva	S. Hurley
F. Bebbel	J. Kuhn
J. Bern	D. Mohr
N. Brucher	J. Perez
G. Briney	Patrick
T. Cartwright	J. Pontrelli
B. Crissy	D. Ramos
J. Dexter	R. Schaefer
C. Foley	J. Scheckel
M. Glosson	A. Thompson
M. Godoy	C. Tiede
J. Hartmann	D. Wischmeyer
M. Heintz	
M. Hinze	



Left: Tom Cartwright prepares to launch in his javelin event.

Opposite page: Justin Kuhn paces himself for a strong finish.

Indoor to Outdoor. The Men's 2002-2003 Track and Field Team competed a tenacious and consistent level all season long.

The Bluejays finished in the top ten of the Carthage Invite, Illinois Wesleyan, and Chicagoland Championship meets. One of the Jays more impressive performances came when it mattered most... the CCIW Championships. Jim Akita placed a sparkling second place in the 5,000 meters with a 14:46.33 as John Hartmann leaped to a second place finish as well with a 6-5 1/2 high jump.

As the season progressed, the EC Men's Team was able to qualify for nationals with a third place finish at the Elmhurst Intercollegiate Invite. Individual Bluejay performances also lit up the track season as well for Head Coach Erik Guta's Team. John Hartmann wouldn't be left out of the mix at nationals, as he took first place in the High Jump in the invite to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Nationals.

But in the end, the EC Team ran out of gas and missed placing in national competition. Jim Akita barely missed All-American Honors as he placed ninth in the 10,000 meters.

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Men's Track & Field

"It was very impressive to see us beat three CCIW schools at North Central."

Head Golf Coach

~ Dave Di Tomasso



Above: Eliot Elzinga protects the line with a return.

Right: Waiting patiently, Ben Blaiszik watches his opponent serve.

Below: Russell Weinberg-Kinsey sends a rocket serve against his opponent.



Men's Tennis Team: B. Blaiszik, R. Chong, D. Diefenbach, E. Elzinga, J. Hegner, T. Miller A. Nunez, Head Coach John Baines



Men's Golf Team: M. Angelo, M. Cantrell, J. Dhamer, D. Herdes, J. Knobbe, N. Lucius, D. Peluse, D. Rahtz, J. Vijit, Head Coach David Di Tomasso, Assistant Coach

With green pastures awaiting them, the EC Men's Golf Team looked to do some damage in 2003. It started at the Milikin Spring Open, as the Bluejays placed eighth, firing a 673 overall score.

"I was happy with the way we golfed at Milikin," said Head Coach David Di Tomasso. "Due to the bad weather we had at home, we really played together as a team."

Things really got rolling when the men's team placed second in back-to-back meets of Eureka College Classic and Elmhurst College Invite. At Eureka, the Bluejays finished with a 641. John Knobbe fired a 158 to tie for fourth individually and to give his team some spark. The EC Invitational was pretty much the same story for the young men, as they recorded a 314 overall team score, as Dirk Herdes shot a 77 in the impressive showing.

Continuing to apply the pressure to other CCIW teams, EC had a second place finish on the green of the Cress Creek Invite. Dan Peluse won his second individual title in a row in the process.

Despite the impressive streak of matches, the Men's Golf Team wasn't able to carry the momentum into the CCIW Championships, placing just sixth to close their season.

The Men's Tennis Team had some bright spots both on and off the tennis court. In play, EC had a rough start, digging themselves a hole with a 1-5 starting record.

But once conference play had started, the EC rackets caught fire. The Bluejays kicked off conference play with a 7-0 shutout of Aurora, as the Bluejays swept every match. Justin Hegner and Ben Blaiszick won both their matches 6-0, 6-0 at number one and number two singles. EC won two out of their next three matches as a team, beating North Central 4-3. Bluejays swept all three doubles matches, while Hegner Robert Chong and Eliot Elzinga all recorded victories in their respected games.

Despite not making the postseason, the Men's Tennis Team turned some heads with their work off the courts. Tennis players Ben Blaiszik and Justin Hegner were both selected to the Verizon Academic All-District at Large Team. Blaiszik holds a 3.97 GPA in the classroom while double majoring in marketing and physics. Hegner is a sophomore mathematics major with a perfect 4.0 GPA

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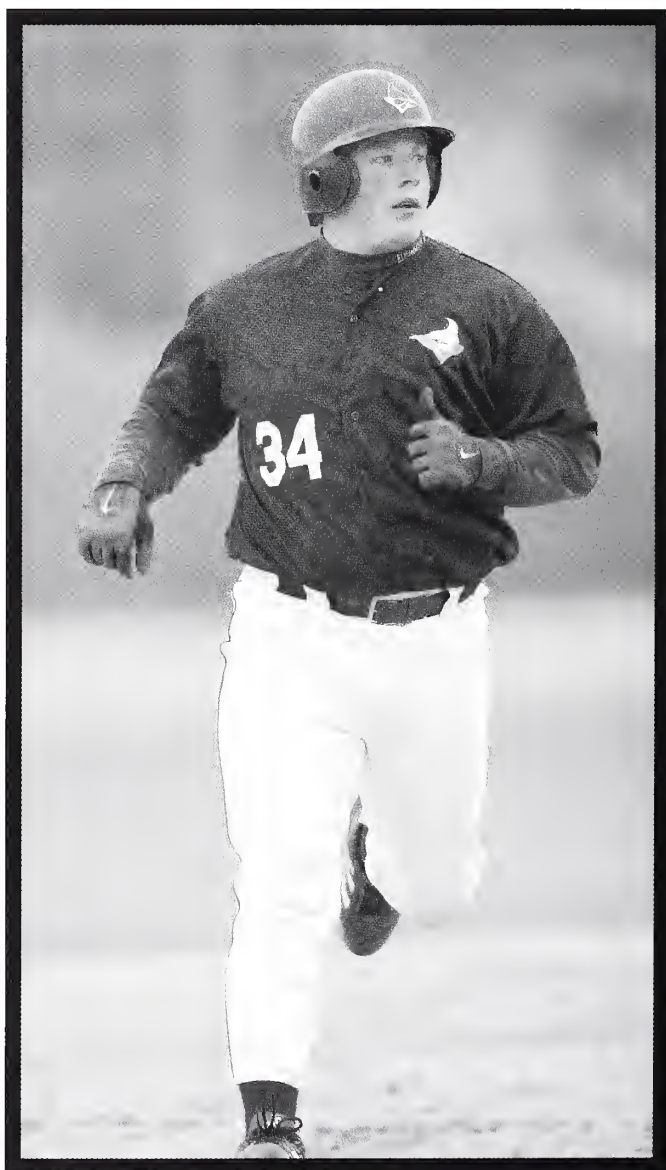
Golf and Tennis



Brad Unger

Male Athlete of the Year

- Co-captained the Bluejays to a 28-14 record and a second place finish in the CCIW
- Finished the 2003 season with a .434 average that ranks as the fourth highest-season total in school history
- His 62 hits for the season ranks second in school history
- 46 RBI is the third highest total in school history
- Chosen as a CCIW "Batter of the Week" this season
- Helped lead an EC offense which batted .366 this season, second best in the nation
- Slugging % .587, third best on team
- On base % .497, third best on team
- Hits 62, second best on team
- RBI 46, second best on team
- Doubles 13, second best on team
- 84 Total Bases for the year
- .995% Fielding Pct. at the Catcher Position
- Went 4-5 with three RBI's against CCIW rival Carthage on April 1





Amanda Fark

Female Athlete of the Year

- Senior season she was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association
- Helped lead her Bluejay volleyball team to a 34-6 record in 2002-2003, while winning their third consecutive CCIW title and advancing to the NCAA Division III Midwest Region Finals

- First team all-region, all-CCIW
- Selected as the "Player of the Year"
- MVP of CCIW Tournament
- Led her team in kills and kills per game, setting new single-season school records in the process
- Set an EC record for highest kills per game average
- Named to four different all-tournament teams this season
- Chosen as a three-time CCIW "Player of the Week"
- Received AVCA national "Player of the Week" honors
- During her four seasons at EC, the team compiled a 131-28 (.824 winning percentage), claimed three consecutive CCIW titles and lost a total of just three CCIW regular season and tournament matches.
- In the classroom, Fark earned Academic All-Conference honors and Verizon Academic All-District second-team selection in the fall.





Ken Shipbaugh

Male Scholar Athlete of the Year

- Co-captained and was instrumental in his Bluejay baseball team's 28-14 record in 2003, as the team finished in second place in the CCIW
- Maintained a 3.50 grade-point average as an Interdisciplinary Communications and English double major

- Earned a second-team all-conference selection as a utility player this season

- Posted a .372 batting average while banging out 48 hits, scoring 37 runs and driving home 24 runs

- Primarily a second baseman, Shipbaugh also played in the outfield

- Compiled a 3-3 record with a 4.89 ERA as a pitcher

- Earned Academic All-Conference honors for the spring season

- Served as sports editor for the College's award-winning student newspaper, the Leader



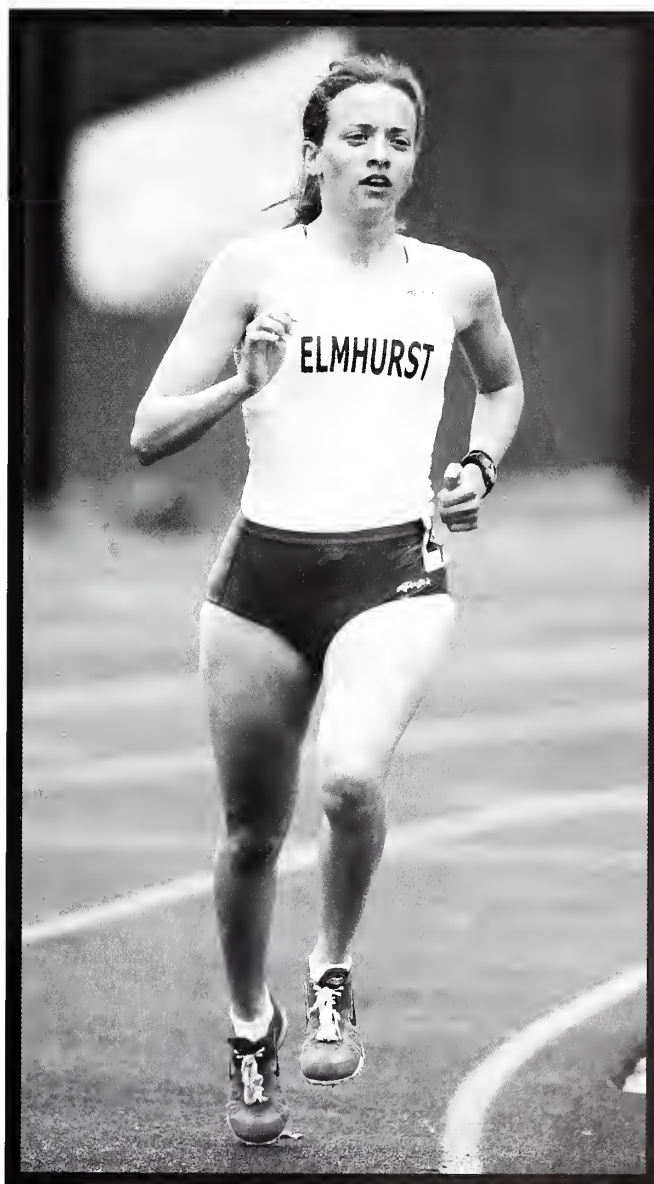


Adrien Ricci

Female Scholar Athlete of the Year

- All-American-X-country
- Maintained a perfect 4.00 grade-point average as Professional Communication and Business Administration double-major
- All-Region and All-Conference -X-country
- Helped guide her X-country team to a third straight CCIW title

- CCIW Champion -10,000 meters in track(outdoors)New school record
- Qualified for NCAA Championships
- All-Conference -5,000 meter(indoors)
- All-Conference -1,500m and 5,000 (outdoors)
- Qualified for nationals in both the indoor and outdoor seasons in the 5,000 meters
- Member of the Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership and scholarship), Delta Mu Delta (business administration) and Phi Kappa Phi (all academic fields)honor societies
- Acadmeic All-selection in 2002-2003
- Selected to receive a post-graduate scholarship from the NCAA
- Served as coordinator of the Student Ambassador Program and is a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Board





*"One can never be content to creep
when one feels the impulse to soar."*

~Helen Keller

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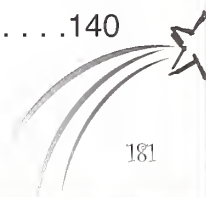


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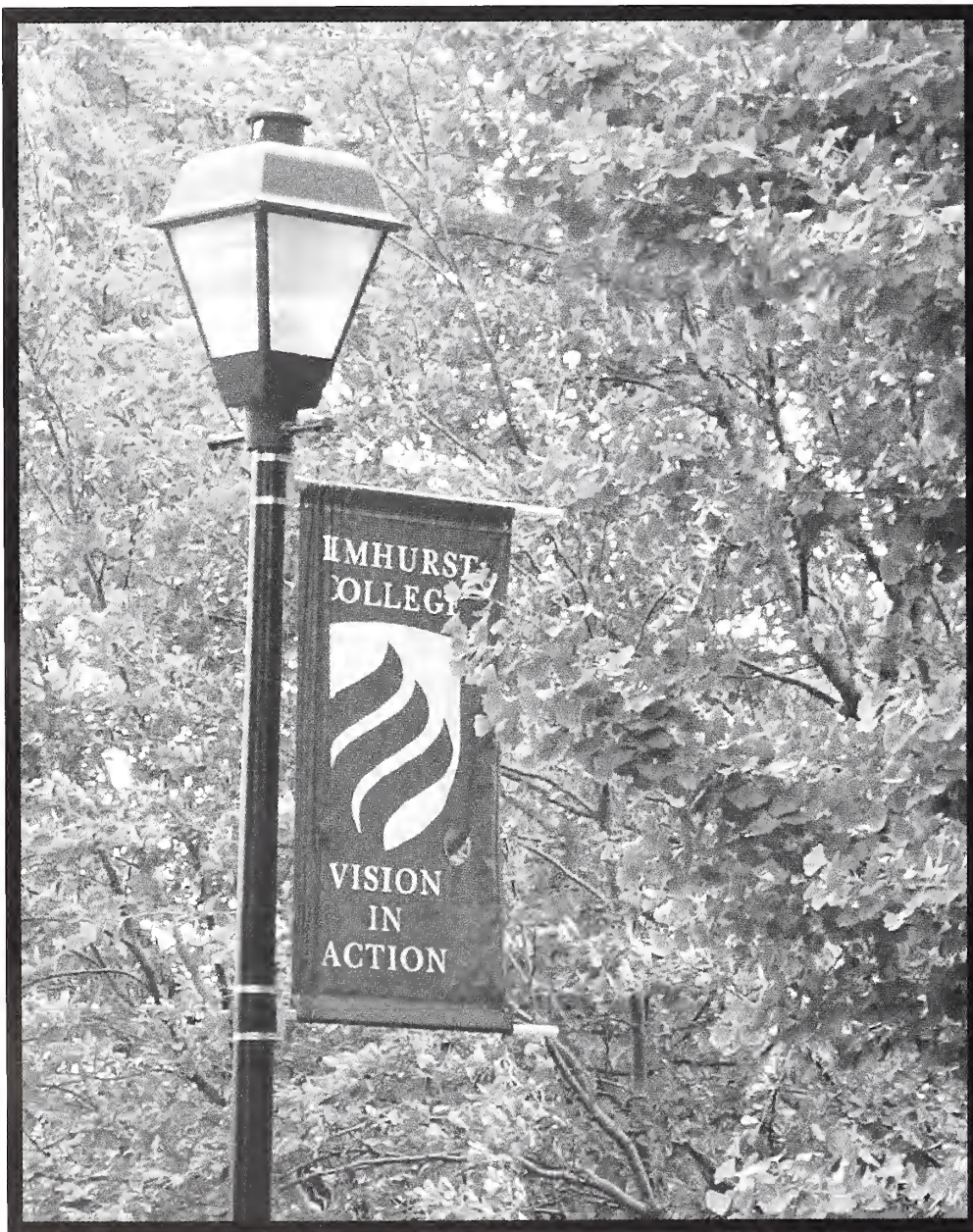
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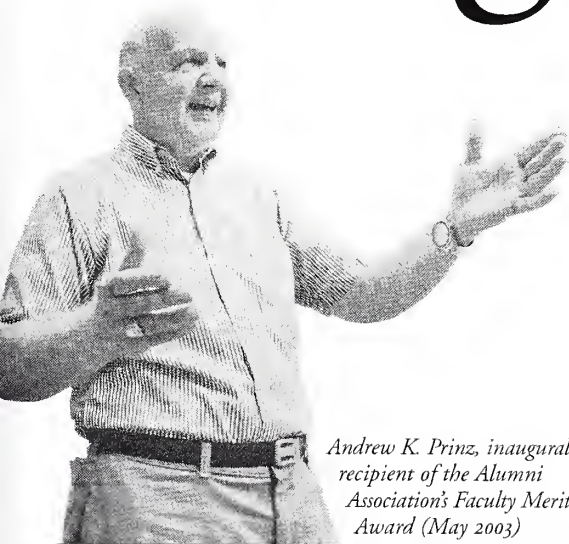
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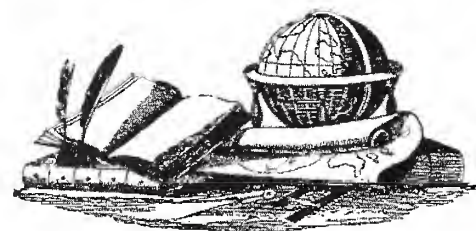
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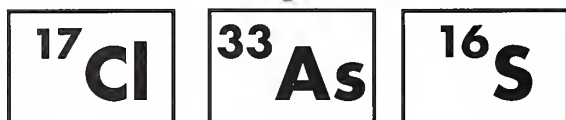
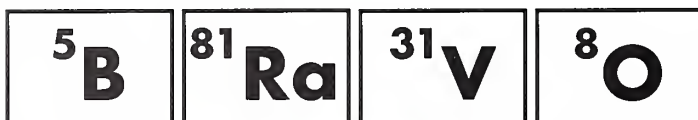
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As my three-year reign as Queen of the Elms comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on all the memories I have collected over the years while working to put a year's worth of E.C. moments into 200 pages. Although unfortunately we never did get a window or a futon in our new office, I found myself quite at home in Frick Center 040, often spending more hours there than at home.

The long hours spent working on the book always seemed to fly by, mostly thanks to my fellow executive officers. Jim, it has been an honor working with you and getting to know you the past four years. You not only kept the Elms finances in order, but played an integral role in making the Elms the quality publication that it is. Thanks for helping me to maintain my sanity during stress-

full times. I could always trust you to do whatever we needed to help get this book finished, regardless of how busy you were. I truly admire your dedication to the many things you do.

Michelle, it has been an extraordinary pleasure serving as your co-editor. Your perseverance, positive attitude, and dedication as we faced various challenges this year is quite an inspiration. I am confident that you will do a fine job with the future Elms. I know I am leaving the book in good hands.

Dr. Ron, I am thrilled to have been



able to work with you the past two years. Thank you for constantly challenging me, always expecting the best from me, and helping the Elms to reach its goals.

I feel honored to have served as three-year Editor-In-Chief of the Elms. Although we have experienced more technical difficulties than any little office ever should have to face, I find it especially exciting that for the first time, 1000 students will receive this book for free. (So if you are holding this book, congratulations - you are part of history!)

A giant thank you to all of you who have supported the Elms! It has been a wonderful four years. I leave you with my heart full of many happy memories and four awesome books to make sure that I never forget! Muchas Gracias y Adios!

"Never put limits on
yourself, for tomorrow
you may soar far beyond
your wildest imagination."
~Amy Goodwin

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Jim Graziano

I've served on the Elms staff for four years now, and am seeing now how greatly this organization has changed in that time. I've seen four books, three advisers, two offices and a lot of different faces that have come and gone.

This last year has seen quite a few changes. Serving my third and final term of office as finance director, my colleagues and I made great changes that will impact the Elms in future years. First and foremost, this edition is the first to be distributed freely to graduating seniors and the number of books produced has been almost tripled. The vast majority of people that are reading these words, whether just after receiving the book or years after the fact, is a testament to the hard work of the Elms staff in making that possible.

Being in charge of the finances is only one part of the Elms executive board. The book clearly cannot be made without the direction of our co-editors-in-chief, namely Amy and Michelle. Amy, we've worked together for four years on staff and I give you a great deal of

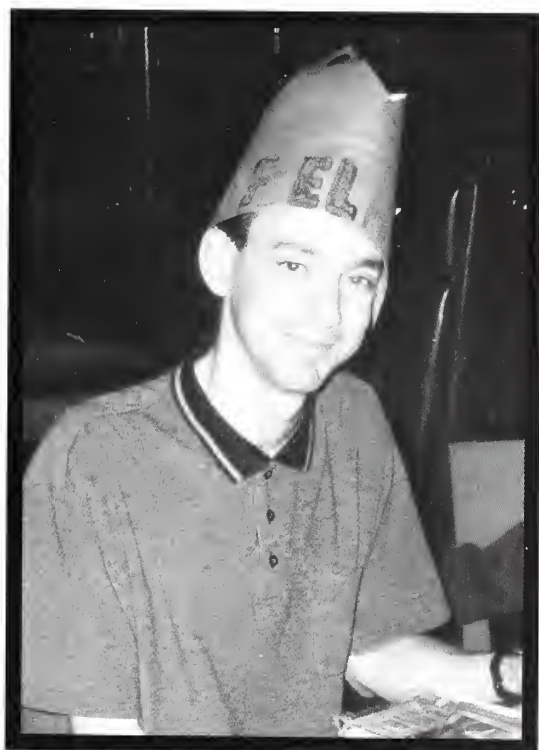
credit in working to produce a high-quality publication. Three years of holding an executive position in a Tier One organization isn't easy, but you made it look that way.

Michelle, you've learned so much in your first year as co-editor and have done such a great job, I know you'll do a fantastic job as you become the senior co-editor next year. Of course, a good adviser is key to any successful organization, and Dr. Ron Wiginton did a great job advising not only the Elms, but also the

other two printed media organizations on campus. That is certainly no small accomplishment. Certainly I cannot forget the other students, faculty and staff that

made running the Elms finances a little easier.

I'll always remember my time serving on the Elms, but, just in case I forget, I'll always have a copy lying around to refer back to.



"Perseverance is perhaps the greatest tool of success"


~Jim Graziano

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Maureen Olofsson served as sales representative and Pam Cox served as customer service adviser.

The book had 200 pages with a press run of 1000.

The yearbook was produced on IBM computers using QuarkXPress and Photoshop.

The cover is a custom embossed litho with gloss lamination and two colors.

Individual student portraits were taken by Mitch Maislum and were available to all students free of charge.

All other photos were taken by the Elms staff.


All photos in the book are framed with a 6pt black line close register.

Fonts used were Garamond, Goudy Sans, Kendric, and Mistral.

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The adviser for the 2003 Elms is Dr. Ron Wiginton, the co-editors-in-chief are Amy Goodwin and Michelle Lynch, and the financial director is Jim Graziano.



“Overcome the earth,
and the stars shall be
yours.”

~Boethius



Inspiration

Contained on these pages are reflections of this year at Elmhurst College. Each great achievement, each success began with just one little spark of Inspiration. As you continue your

journey beyond Elmhurst College, we hope that this book will help you to preserve your memories and provide an Inspiration for your future.

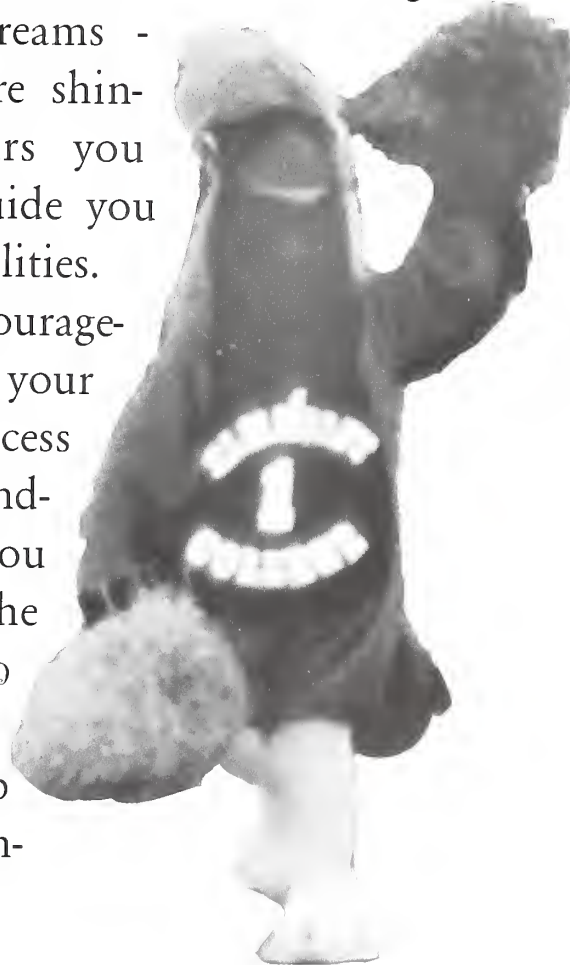


Your memories, your goals, your dreams - these are shining stars you

hold in your hand. They will guide you through a world of endless possibilities.

Just as a word of advice, encouragement, or kindness may have lit your imagination, so too may your success encourage others to push the boundaries of their limitations. Now you must hang your shining stars in the waiting sky to act as an Inspiration for others.

Your fuse has been lit. It is up to you to pass the spark on to others. Let the fireworks begin.





“Never let your memories be greater than
your dreams.”

~ Doug Ivester



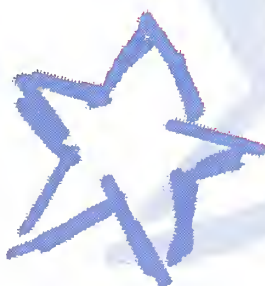


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may also be the beginning."

~Ivy Beker Priest



"Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss it
you will land
among the stars."

~Les Brown